

SENATE BILL 531

By McNally

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 57,  
Chapter 5, Part 1, relative to criminal background  
checks.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-5-103, is amended by adding the following new subsections thereto:

(e) A city or county may require applicants for permits to:

(1) Supply a fingerprint sample and submit to a criminal history records check to be conducted by the Tennessee bureau of investigation, the federal bureau of investigation, other law enforcement agency, or any legally authorized entity; and

(2) Release any information required for a criminal background investigation by a professional background screening organization or criminal background check service or registry.

(f) Any cost incurred by the Tennessee bureau of investigation, federal bureau of investigation, professional background screening organization, law enforcement agency or other legally authorized entity, in conducting such investigations of such applicants shall be paid by such applicants. In the event that such applicants fail to pay for these incurred expenses, a permit may be denied issuance. Payments of such cost to the Tennessee bureau of investigation are to be made in accordance with §§ 38-6-103 and 38-6-109.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.