

SENATE BILL 956

By McNally

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13, relative to lifetime handgun carry permits for veterans.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1351, is amended by deleting the language "subdivision (n)(2)" from subdivision (n)(1), substituting instead the language "subdivisions (n)(2) and (3)", and adding the following as a new subdivision (n)(3):

(3)

(A) On and after July 1, 2013, a Tennessee permit issued or renewed pursuant to this section to a person who meets any of the following qualifications shall not expire or be subject to renewal during the lifetime of the permit holder as long as the holder's permit is not revoked pursuant to § 39-17-1352:

(i) Any retired member of the United States military with twenty (20) or more years of service as evidenced by such retirement status documentation as the commissioner requires to prove eligibility for issuance of a lifetime permit pursuant to this subdivision (n)(3)(A)(i); or

(ii) Any disabled veteran who has any service-connected disability that is determined by the veterans' administration to constitute a permanent and total disability or for which the veteran receives a disability rating of one hundred percent (100%), as evidenced by any official finding or rating as to disability by the United States veterans' administration.

(B) It shall be the responsibility of an applicant for a lifetime permit to provide to the department all documentation that is required to establish eligibility for issuance of a lifetime permit pursuant to subdivision (n)(3)(A).

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1351, is amended by deleting subdivision (o)(4) in its entirety and substituting the following:

(4) The permit number and expiration date; provided, however, that for any lifetime permit issued pursuant to subdivision (n)(3) the word "indefinite" shall appear in lieu of an expiration date.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1351, is amended by deleting the first sentence of subdivision (p)(1) in its entirety and substituting the following:

The department shall charge an application and processing fee of two hundred dollars (\$200) for a lifetime permit issued pursuant to subdivision (n)(3). For all other permits issued pursuant to this section, the department shall charge an application and processing fee of one hundred fifteen dollars (\$115).

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013, the public welfare requiring it.