

SENATE BILL 1053

By Barnes

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39,
Chapter 17, Part 13, relative to firearms.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

39-17-13__.

(a) Notwithstanding § 39-17-1359, no employer, association, corporation, or other business entity shall prohibit an employee from transporting and storing a handgun in such person's vehicle when such vehicle is parked on property set aside for employee vehicle parking if:

(1) The employee possesses a valid handgun carry permit pursuant to § 39-17-1351; and

(2) The handgun is stored in a locked vehicle in a place not visible from outside the vehicle.

(b) No employer, association, corporation, or other business entity shall terminate, demote, suspend, threaten, deny promotion to, or otherwise discriminate against an employee who transports and stores a handgun in such employee's vehicle when the vehicle is parked on property set aside for employee vehicle parking if the employee:

(1) Possesses a valid handgun carry permit pursuant to § 39-17-1351;

and

(2) Has complied with subdivision (a)(2).

(c) Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to alter, reduce, or eliminate the ability of a local, state, or federal governmental entity or agent thereof to prohibit the possession of weapons in accordance with § 39-17-1359.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011, the public welfare requiring it.