

SENATE BILL 1179

By Swann

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, Section 39-17-1359, is amended by deleting subdivision (b)(1) and substituting:

(1) Notice of the prohibition or restriction permitted by subsection (a) shall be accomplished by displaying the notice described in subdivision (b)(3) in prominent locations, including no more than three feet (3') from all entrances primarily used by persons entering the property, building, or portion of the property or building where weapon possession is prohibited or restricted. The notice shall be plainly visible to the average person entering the building, property, or portion of the building or property, posted, and must be mounted or placed such that the center of the sign is between sixty inches (60") and seventy-two inches (72") from the ground.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1359, is amended by deleting subdivision (b)(3)(A) and substituting:

(A) A sign shall be used as the method of posting. Each sign must:

(i) Measure at least twenty-two inches (22") high and twenty-two inches (22") wide; and

(ii) Have a red background and white lettering.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1359, is amended by deleting subdivision (b)(4) and substituting:

An individual, corporation, business entity, or government entity that, as of July 1, 2023, used signs to provide notice of the prohibition permitted by subsection (a) shall have until July 1, 2024, to replace existing signs with signs that meet the requirements of subdivision (b)(3).

SECTION 4. This act takes effect July 1, 2023, the public welfare requiring it.