

SENATE BILL 1605

By Beavers

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39,
Chapter 17, Part 13, relative to carrying or
possession of a weapon.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1307, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

§ 39-17-1307.

(a)(1) A person commits an offense who carries with the intent to go armed a firearm, a knife with a blade length exceeding four inches (4"), or a club.

(2) An offense under subdivision (a)(1) is a Class C misdemeanor, except it is a Class A misdemeanor if the person's carrying of a handgun occurred at a place open to the public where one (1) or more persons were present.

(b)(1) A person commits an offense who possesses a handgun and:

(A) Has been convicted of a felony involving the use or attempted use of force, violence or a deadly weapon; or

(B) Has been convicted of a felony drug offense.

(2) An offense under subdivision (b)(1) is a Class E felony.

(c)(1) A person commits an offense who possesses any deadly weapon with the intent to employ it in the commission of or escape from an offense.

(2) An offense under subdivision (c)(1) is a Class E felony.

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