

SENATE BILL 1999

By Bell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39,  
Chapter 13, Part 1, relative to domestic violence.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-111, is amended by deleting subdivision (c)(6) and substituting instead the following:

(6) If a defendant pleads guilty or is found guilty of a domestic violence offense, as defined by this section or in § 40-14-109, the judge shall immediately order that the defendant terminate physical possession of all firearms in the defendant's possession within forty-eight (48) hours of the conviction by any lawful means, such as transferring possession to a third party who is not prohibited from possessing firearms.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-111(c), is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

( ) Before the court accepts the guilty plea of a defendant charged with a domestic violence offense, the defendant must sign a domestic violence offense firearm notification form containing the notification requirements found in § 40-14-109(b).

SECTION 3. The administrative office of the courts shall develop a domestic violence offense firearm notification form that must be signed prior to the court accepting a guilty plea of a defendant charged with a domestic violence offense as required by this act. Upon completion, the administrative office of the courts shall post the form on the administrative office of the courts' website where the form can be copied by defendants or provided to defendants by the court or court clerk for signature.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020, the public welfare requiring it.