

SENATE BILL 2776

By Bowling

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4;
Title 8; Title 38; Title 39 and Title 40, relative to
searches.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38, Chapter 3, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b), a POST-certified law enforcement officer in this state who is employed full-time by the state, a county, a municipality, or a metropolitan form of government shall, prior to entering private property to conduct a search, obtain a search warrant, as described in § 40-6-106, that identifies the person or property that is the subject of the search.

(b) An officer is not required to obtain a search warrant pursuant to subsection (a) if a judicially recognized exception to the warrant requirement exists at the time of the search.

(c) An officer who knowingly fails to obtain a search warrant when a search warrant is required by this section commits a Class C misdemeanor.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2024, the public welfare requiring it.