

HOUSE BILL 1782

By West

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.

(b)

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

(A) Has been convicted of a crime of violence as defined in this part; or

(B) Has been convicted of a felony drug offense as defined in this part.

(2) An offense under subdivision (b)(1) is a Class E felony; provided, however, that it shall not be an offense under subdivision (b)(1) if the person's full rights of citizenship have been restored under applicable state or federal law.

(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.