

HOUSE BILL 395

By Watson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38,
Chapter 8, Part 1, relative to retired law
enforcement officers.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 38-8-116, is amended by adding the following new subsection (c) and by reentering subsequent subsections accordingly:

(c)

(1) A retired law enforcement officer as described in subsection (b) may utilize any one (1) of the following methods set out in subsection (b) of this section to become certified to carry a firearm within the state of Tennessee that has been shipped or transported in interstate or foreign commerce in the same manner and to the same extent as authorized for an active law enforcement officer to carry a firearm of the same type.

(2) Every four (4) years, a retired officer who utilizes this subsection shall be required to meet the standards established by the Tennessee POST commission for qualification for active law enforcement officers to carry a firearm of the same type.

(3) Because the certification requirements of this subsection do not meet the requirements of 18 U.S.C. § 926C(d), a retired officer certified under this subsection is not permitted to carry a firearm outside the state of Tennessee unless otherwise authorized to do so with a handgun carry permit issued pursuant to § 39-17-1351.

(4) If the provisions of 18 U.S.C. § 926C(d), or any other provision of federal law is changed to permit an officer certified under this section to carry a

firearm outside the state of Tennessee, such officer shall be permitted to carry a
firearm as permitted by federal law.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring
it.