

SENATE BILL 2594

By Norris

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 57;  
Title 62; Title 63; Title 68 and Title 69, relative to  
professions.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-3-703(a)(1), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting the following:

(1) Has not been convicted of a felony for the commission of an offense that bears directly on the applicant's fitness to practice competently, as determined by the commission;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-3-704(a)(3), is amended by deleting subdivision (A) and substituting the following:

(A) Has not been convicted of a felony for the commission of an offense that bears directly on the applicant's fitness to practice competently, as determined by the commission;

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 62-3-121(1), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting the following:

(1) Conviction of a felony for the commission of an offense that bears directly on the person's fitness to practice competently, as determined by the board;

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 62-18-116(a)(1), is amended by deleting subdivision (E) and substituting the following:

(E) Any conviction of a felony for the commission of an offense that bears directly on the person's fitness to practice competently, as determined by the board; or

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 62-18-217(a)(1), is amended by deleting subdivision (B) and substituting the following:

(B) A felony for the commission of an offense that bears directly on the licensee's fitness to practice competently, as determined by the commissioner; or

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-24-107(b), is amended by deleting the word "or" at the end of subdivision (5); by deleting the period (.) at the end of subdivision (6) and substituting the language "; or"; and by adding the following as a new subdivision:

(7) Been convicted of a felony for the commission of an offense that bears directly on the person's fitness to practice competently, as determined by the board.

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-30-103(c)(4), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting the following:

(4) A statement certifying that the applicant has not been convicted of a felony under the laws of this state or any other state for the commission of an offense that bears directly on the applicant's fitness to practice competently, as determined by the division; and

SECTION 8. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-30-111(a)(6), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting the following:

(6) The practitioner is convicted of a felony for the commission of an offense that bears directly on the practitioner's fitness to practice competently, as determined by the division;

SECTION 9. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-104-204(1), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting the following:

(1) Make application to the fire marshal on a form prescribed by the fire marshal. The application must be accompanied by the required fee. An individual seeking a license as a sole proprietor or on behalf of a business entity must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age and not have been convicted of or pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to

a state or federal felony for the commission of an offense that bears directly on the applicant's fitness to practice competently, as determined by the fire marshal. In the case of a business entity seeking a license, no officer or member of its governing board may have been convicted of or pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to a state or federal felony for the commission of an offense that bears directly on the applicant's fitness to practice competently, as determined by the fire marshal; and

SECTION 10. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 69-10-105(a)(7), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting the following:

(7) Has been convicted of a felony for the commission of an offense that bears directly on the fitness of the applicant or holder to practice competently, as determined by the commissioner.

SECTION 11. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to actions instituted by state entities on or after the effective date of this act.