

**Senate Commerce Committee Amendment No. 1**

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by deleting all of the language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1315(b), is amended by deleting subdivision (2) and substituting instead the following:

(2)(A) Prior to the issuance of the written directive and handgun permit, the sheriff shall conduct a background investigation of the person, which may include both a state and federal fingerprint history check. The sheriff shall issue the directive and permit only if satisfied with the results of the investigation, and may charge a reasonable fee for the investigation and other costs incurred under these provisions. The sheriff shall also require prior to the issuance of the directive and handgun permit, that the person successfully complete a suitable training period in the use of firearms in a state certified training program or equivalent training program approved by the department of safety. Such training shall include performance tests on a firing range, indicating the person to be qualified in the use of firearms. The directive shall indicate that the person is properly qualified in the use of firearms and is knowledgeable as to safety precautions.

(B) Before issuing the directive and permit, the sheriff shall require the person to have in effect a corporate surety bond in the amount of not less than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) evidenced by a copy from the bonding company for the issuing sheriff. The bond required must be for the specific purpose of carrying a firearm and must so state on the face of the bond. The person seeking the permit shall submit to the sheriff proof of renewal of such bond by the date the bond will expire or lapse. For a corporate surety bond to comply with the requirements of this section, such bond shall be

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specifically conditioned that such corporate surety will pay any damages, up to the bond limits, that may be adjudged against the permit holder as compensation for death or injury to the person or property of another that is proximately caused by the permit holder's negligent use of a handgun. The sheriff shall charge to the person to whom the directive and permit is issued a fee in such amount as will pay the expenses involved in the training of the person in the use of firearms, if the training is conducted by or at the expense of the county. The sheriff may allow the training to be conducted by others, with the results being certified in writing to the satisfaction of the sheriff. The provisions herein relative to investigation and training and bond may be waived by the sheriff in those cases where the person is already authorized to carry firearms by the federal government or by the state government or a political subdivision of the state.

(C) Any bond shall cover intentional and unintentional acts, and such bond cannot be canceled prior to the expiration of the permit unless authorized by the sheriff. Any bond form must be approved by the Tennessee Sheriffs Association and the department of commerce and insurance.

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