

SENATE BILL 2055  
By Wright

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1316, relative to who conducts background investigations and who may collect fees for conducting background investigations of persons attempting to purchase a handgun or sidearm.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1316, is amended by deleting from the first sentence of subsection (b)(1) the language "and with the chief of police if the sale be within a municipality" and substituting instead the language "or with the chief of police if the purchaser's principal place of residence be within a municipality".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1316, is further amended by deleting subsection (b)(2) in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(2) The sheriff or chief of police conducting the investigation may charge a reasonable fee, not to exceed ten dollars (\$10.00), for such investigation and other costs incurred under the provisions of this section. Such fee shall not exceed the actual costs incurred and such actual costs shall not include personnel expenses, overhead or any other costs that are ordinarily incurred by the sheriff's or police chief's office separate from the duties imposed by this section. The fees received by the sheriff or chief of police shall be used only for the purchase and maintenance of equipment to aid the sheriff or chief of police in carrying out the provisions of this section.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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