

HOUSE BILL 2421

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13, relative to the purchase and sale of firearms.

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 subdivision (c) in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(c) Except with respect to transactions between persons licensed as dealers under 18 U.S.C. § 923, a gun dealer shall comply with the following before a firearm is delivered to a purchaser:

(1) The purchaser shall present to the dealer current identification meeting the requirements of subsection (f);

(2) The gun dealer shall complete a firearms transaction record as required by 18 U.S.C. §§ 921 -- 929, and obtain the signature of the purchaser on the record;

(3) The gun dealer shall obtain the thumbprints of the purchaser on the firearms transaction thumbprint form and attach the form to the gun dealer's copy of the firearms transaction record to be filed with that copy;

(4) The gun dealer shall request by means designated by the bureau that the Tennessee bureau of investigation conduct a criminal history record check on the purchaser and shall provide the following information to the bureau:

(A) The federal firearms license number of the gun dealer;

(B) The business name of the gun dealer;

(C) The place of transfer;

(D) The name of the person making the transfer;

(E) The make, model, caliber and manufacturer's number of the firearm being transferred;

(F) The name, gender, race, and date of birth of the purchaser;

(G) The social security number of the purchaser, if one has been assigned; and

(H) The type, issuer and identification number of the identification presented by the purchaser;

(5) The gun dealer shall receive a unique approval number for the transfer from the bureau and record the approval number on the firearms transaction record and on the firearms transaction thumbprint form; and

(6) The gun dealer may destroy the firearms transaction thumbprint form one (1) year after the completion of the firearms transaction thumbprint form.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1316, is further amended by adding the following new, appropriately designated subsection:

() The Tennessee bureau of investigation shall publish the firearms transaction thumbprint form and shall furnish the form to gun dealers on application at cost.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010, the public welfare requiring it and shall apply to all firearms transactions occurring on or after such date.