

SENATE BILL 1602

By Beavers

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39
and Title 40, relative to restoration of the rights of
citizenship.

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 subdivision (a)(2) the words "a felony" and by substituting instead the words "an offense".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-29-101, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

() A person who has been deprived of any rights or privileges of citizenship pursuant to a conviction for domestic assault as defined in § 39-13-111 or stalking as defined in § 39-17-315 under which the maximum possible sentence of incarceration is less than one (1) year shall have full rights and privileges of citizenship automatically restored effective upon the service or expiration of the maximum sentence imposed.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.