

SENATE BILL 1607

By Beavers

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

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

§ 39-17-1363.

(a)

(1) Notwithstanding § 39-17-1359 or any other law to the contrary, no individual, property owner, tenant, employer, corporation or business entity may prohibit any person possessing a valid handgun carry permit pursuant to § 39-17-1351 from transporting and storing a handgun in such person's vehicle when such vehicle is parked on property set aside for vehicle parking.

(2) This subsection (a) shall only apply if the handgun is stored in the vehicle in a place not visible from outside the vehicle and only if the vehicle is locked.

(b) Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to alter, reduce or eliminate the ability of a local, state or federal governmental entity or agent thereof to prohibit the possession of weapons in accordance with § 39-17-1359.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.