

SENATE BILL 1771

By Gilmore

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40 and Title 66, relative to housing for persons with a prior criminal conviction.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40, Chapter 29, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

A landlord shall not refuse to rent, lease, or otherwise extend housing opportunities to a person solely because the person was previously convicted of a criminal offense if:

(1) The conviction was for an offense other than a violent offense, as defined in § 40-35-120(b), or a sexual offense or violent sexual offense, as defined in § 40-39-202; and

(2) The conviction occurred more than five (5) years before the refusal.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2022, the public welfare requiring it.