

SENATE BILL 2542

By Campfield

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56;
Title 63 and Title 68, relative to gun ownership.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-1502, is amended by designating the current language as subsection (a) and by adding the following as new subsections thereto:

(b)

(1) No health care provider licensed under title 63, or health care facility licensed under this title shall make a written or verbal inquiry to a patient or a patient's family member as to whether the patient or the family member owns, possesses or stores a firearm or ammunition unless the practitioner in good faith believes that the inquiry is relevant to the patient's medical care or safety, or to the safety of others.

(2) This subsection (b) shall not prevent an emergency medical technician, paramedic, or other emergency medical provider from inquiring as to the ownership, possession or storage of a firearm or ammunition by an individual where the medical technician, paramedic, or other emergency medical provider in good faith believes that information relating to the ownership, possession or storage of a firearm or ammunition is necessary to treat a patient during the course and scope of a medical emergency, or is necessary to protect the patient or others from imminent danger.

(c) No health care practitioner licensed under title 63, or health care provider licensed under this title shall discriminate against a patient solely because the patient chooses to exercise the second amendment.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56, Chapter 7, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section thereto:

(a) No company or agent issuing any type of insurance policy shall deny coverage, increase any premium, or discriminate against any insured or applicant for insurance on the basis of or upon reliance on an insured or applicant's lawful ownership or possession of a firearm or ammunition or the lawful use or storage of a firearm or ammunition.

(b) This section shall not prevent an insurer from considering the fair market value of firearms or ammunition in setting of premiums for scheduled personal property coverage.

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