

SENATE BILL 1771

By Bell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13, relative to the transfer, ownership, possession and transportation of certain knives and the punishment for employing certain knives in the commission of a felony.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1302(a), is amended by deleting subdivision (7) and substituting instead the following:

(7) Knuckles; or

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1302(b), is amended by deleting subdivision (8) in its entirety.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1303(a), is amended by deleting subdivision (1) and substituting instead the following:

(1) Intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly sells, loans or makes a gift of a firearm to a minor;

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1307, is amended by deleting subdivision (a)(1) and substituting instead the following:

A person commits an offense who carries, with the intent to go armed, a firearm or a club.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1307, is amended by deleting subsection (d)(3) and substituting instead the following:

(3)

(A) Except as provided in subdivision (d)(3)(B), a violation of this subsection (d) is a Class E felony.

(B) A violation of this subsection (d) is a Class E felony with a maximum fine of six thousand dollars (\$6,000), if the deadly weapon is a switchblade knife.

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1307, is amended by adding the following new subsection (e) and by redesignating accordingly:

(e)

(1) A person commits an offense who employs a switchblade knife during the commission of, attempt to commit, or escape from a dangerous offense as defined in § 39-17-1324.

(2) A violation of this subsection (e) is a Class D felony.

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1364, is amended by deleting from subdivision (2) the language “; provided that it is not a switchblade knife”.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014, the public welfare requiring it.