

HOUSE BILL 1409

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39,
Chapter 17, Part 13, relative to the carrying of
firearms on certain property.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1311, is amended by adding the following new subdivision (3) to subsection (b):

(3)

(A) The exception to subsection (a) established in subdivision (b)(1)(H)(i), is not applicable to a person authorized to carry a handgun pursuant to § 39-13-1351 if the person is carrying a handgun onto property or into an event conducted on property that:

(i) Requires a ticket, pass, or other indicia of eligibility, regardless of whether consideration is required, to enter into a public park or an event conducted within the boundaries of a public park; and

(ii) The park is owned or operated by:

(a) A county or municipality;

(b) An instrumentality of a county or municipality; or

(c) A person, for-profit or not-for-profit organization, or other entity that contracts or otherwise has a written agreement with any entity listed in subdivision (b)(3)(A)(ii)(a) or (b) to operate a park, an area within a park, or an event within a park.

(B) The prohibition against carrying firearms established by subdivision (3)(A) shall remain in effect for as long as an admission ticket or pass is required

to enter or remain on the property or until the end of the ticketed event occurring on the property.

(C)

(i) The exception to subsection (a) established in subdivision (b)(1)(H)(i), is not applicable to a person authorized to carry a handgun pursuant to § 39-13-1351 if the person is carrying a handgun into or on the premises of any stadium, park, complex, facility, venue, field, building, or other similar structure or area, whether indoors or outdoors, that is used on a full-or part-time basis by a professional sports team to play, practice, or train.

(ii) As used in this subdivision (C)(i), “professional sports team” means a major or minor league professional baseball (American or National League or any classification of minor league professional baseball), football (National Football League or Canadian Football League, or its successors or assigns), basketball (National Basketball Association), or major or minor league professional hockey (National Hockey League, Central Hockey League, or East Coast Hockey League) franchise.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016, the public welfare requiring it.