

HOUSE BILL 1221

By Hicks

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1350, relative to authority of district attorneys general and related employees to carry firearms.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1350(d), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

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(A) For purposes of this section, "law enforcement officer" also means an elected district attorney general, a full-time assistant district attorney general, the executive director and deputy director of the Tennessee district attorneys general conference, and a full-time, pro-tem prosecutor employed by the district attorneys general conference, who has successfully completed firearms training in accordance with POST certification, which shall include, at a minimum, forty (40) hours initial training and eight (8) hours annual in-service training in firearms qualification administered by a POST-certified firearms training program.

(B) Each elected district attorney general, at his or her discretion, shall be authorized to determine if any employee or any assistant district attorney general in the district attorney general's office or judicial district, respectively, is authorized to carry a firearm pursuant to this section.

(C) The district attorneys general conference shall develop a uniform identification system clearly identifying that a person described in subdivision (d)(4)(A) is qualified under this section to carry a firearm at all times. Persons

authorized by subdivision (d)(4)(A) to carry a firearm under this section shall carry this identification at all times the person is carrying a firearm.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017, the public welfare requiring it.