

State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 894

SENATE BILL NO. 2868

By Bailey, Campbell, Stevens

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2457

By Keisling, Sherrell, Todd, Doggett, Moody, Thompson, Cepicky, Hardaway

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 12; Title 39; Title 40; Title 69, Chapter 9 and Title 70, relative to seizure of personal property.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-6-202, is amended by deleting the section and substituting the following:

(a) Any firearm, other hunting device, or equipment used in violation of §§ 70-4-116 – 70-4-118 may be seized and held for evidence by the agency. As used in this section, "equipment" does not include a self-propelled vehicle or a vehicle propelled or drawn by a self-propelled vehicle, wherever operated.

(b) When a seizure of property under subsection (a) results in an arrest and the person charged with the offense is found to be not guilty by a court of competent jurisdiction, the property must be returned by the trial court.

(c) The court or jury that determines whether a violation of § 70-4-116, § 70-4-117, or § 70-4-118 has occurred shall also determine, in the same manner as provided in § 70-6-201, whether property seized pursuant to this section is contraband and should be forfeited to the state.

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


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PASSED: March 31, 2022


RANDY McNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE


CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 14th day of April 2022


BILL LEE, GOVERNOR