

HOUSE BILL 2037

By Leatherwood

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39,
Chapter 17, Part 13, relative to firearms.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1316(q), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting instead the following:

(1) It is an offense for a person to purchase or attempt to purchase a firearm or ammunition knowing that the person is prohibited by state or federal law from owning, possessing, or purchasing a firearm or ammunition.

(2) It is an offense to sell, loan, give, provide, or transfer a firearm or ammunition to a person, or offer to do so, knowing that the person is prohibited by state or federal law from owning, possessing, or purchasing a firearm or ammunition.

(3) It is an offense to sell, loan, give, provide, or transfer a firearm or ammunition to a person, or offer to do so, knowing that the person:

(A) Has been judicially committed to a mental institution or adjudicated as a mental defective unless the person's right to possess firearms has been restored pursuant to title 16; or

(B) Is receiving treatment, pursuant to title 33, at a treatment resource, as defined in § 33-1-101, other than a hospital.

(4) It is an offense for a person to knowingly make a false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation that is intended or likely to deceive a licensed importer, manufacturer, dealer, or collector with respect to a fact that is material to the lawfulness of a sale or other disposition of a firearm or ammunition under this chapter in order to

acquire or attempt to acquire the firearm or ammunition from the licensed importer, manufacturer, dealer, or collector.

(5) A violation of this subsection (q) is a Class C felony.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect October 1, 2023, the public welfare requiring it.