

SENATE BILL 318

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 10;
Title 33; Title 38; Title 39; Title 40; Title 50 and
Title 70, relative to the carrying of firearms.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1307, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

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(1) It is an exception to the application of subdivision (a) if a person:

(A) Is legally in possession of the firearm; and

(B) Is not prohibited from purchasing a firearm in the person's
state of residence.

(2) A person who meets the elements of subdivision (g)(1) is entitled to the same defenses and exceptions as a person who has been issued a handgun carry permit pursuant to § 39-17-1351, for purposes of any offenses in this part; title 50, chapter 3; or title 70.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1308(a), is amended by deleting the language "It is a defense to the application" and substituting the language "It is an exception to the application".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1308(a)(10), is amended by deleting the word "defense" and substituting the word "exception".

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1308(b), is amended by deleting the word "defenses" and substituting the word "exceptions".

SECTION 5. This act takes effect July 1, 2021, the public welfare requiring it.