

SENATE BILL 494

By Stevens

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 44,
Chapter 17 and Title 70, Chapter 4, Part 1, relative
to the possession of firearms.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-4-103(b), is amended by adding the following immediately before the period:

; except that, a person who is not otherwise prohibited by law from possessing a handgun may carry a handgun as defined in § 39-11-106, so long as the handgun is not used for the taking of game

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-4-112(a)(1), is amended by adding the following immediately before the period of the second sentence:

; except that, a person who is not otherwise prohibited by law from possessing a handgun may carry a handgun as defined in § 39-11-106, so long as the handgun is not used for the taking of game

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-4-112(a)(2)(A), is amended by deleting the sentence "Within such training season, no person chasing coons with dogs shall use or carry any firearms, axes or climbing instruments except during such open season as may be proclaimed pursuant to this section." and substituting:

Within such training season, a person chasing coons with dogs shall not use or carry any firearms, axes, or climbing instruments except during such open season as may be proclaimed pursuant to this section; except that, a person who is not otherwise prohibited by law from possessing a handgun may carry a handgun as defined in § 39-11-106, so long as the handgun is not used for the taking of game.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-4-117(d), is amended by deleting "with a handgun carry permit pursuant to § 39-17-1351 may possess a handgun" and substituting "not otherwise prohibited by law from possessing a handgun may carry a handgun as defined in § 39-11-106".

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-4-117(e), is amended by deleting "with a hand gun carry permit" and substituting "not otherwise prohibited by law from possessing a handgun".

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-4-123, is amended by deleting subsection (a) and substituting:

It is unlawful for a person hunting big game with a bow and arrow to be in possession of a firearm or be accompanied in hunting by a person possessing a firearm during the archery-only deer season; except that, a person who is not otherwise prohibited by law from possessing a handgun may carry a handgun as defined in § 39-11-106, so long as the handgun is not used for the taking of game.

SECTION 7. This act takes effect July 1, 2023, the public welfare requiring it.