

HOUSE BILL 588

By Butler

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 14, Part 1; Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13 and Title 40, relative to criminal offenses.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-14-134, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection (b) and redesignating the existing subsection (b) accordingly:

(b)

(1) It is an offense for a person to knowingly and with the intent to conceal or misrepresent the identity of a firearm or antique firearm to:

(A) Alter, cover, deface, destroy, or remove the permanent serial number, manufacturer's identification plate, or another permanent distinguishing number from a firearm or antique firearm; or

(B) Sell, purchase, or possess such a firearm or antique firearm.

(2) A violation of this subsection (b) is a Class E felony, punishable by a mandatory minimum sentence of one hundred eighty (180) days incarceration.

The defendant is not eligible for release from confinement until the defendant has served the entire one-hundred-eighty-day mandatory minimum sentence.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2025, the public welfare requiring it.