

HOUSE BILL 2850

By Kumar

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4 and
Title 39, relative to a handgun safety course.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13, is amended by
adding the following as a new section:

(a) The department of safety shall create a voucher program for the purpose of
providing a handgun safety course to persons who purchase handguns in this state from
a licensed federal firearms dealer.

(b)

(1) The voucher program must consist of a non-transferable voucher
provided to a handgun purchaser at the time the handgun is purchased in this
state from a licensed federal firearms dealer.

(2) The voucher must be valid for thirty (30) days and entitle the handgun
purchaser to participate in a handgun safety course approved by the department.

(3) The handgun purchaser must present the voucher to the entity
providing the handgun safety course at the time the handgun purchaser
participates in the course.

(4) The handgun purchaser must be responsible for any cost of the
handgun safety course that exceeds the face value of the voucher.

(5) The value of the voucher must not exceed thirty dollars (\$30.00).

(6) An entity providing an approved handgun safety course to a person presenting a voucher must be able to present the voucher to the department for reimbursement of the cost of the course up to the face value of the voucher.

SECTION 2. This act is not an appropriation of funds, and funds shall not be obligated or expended pursuant to this act unless the funds are specifically appropriated by the general appropriations act.

SECTION 3. The department of safety is authorized to promulgate rules to effectuate the purposes of this act. The rules must be promulgated in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5.

SECTION 4. For purposes of promulgating rules and forms, this act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act takes effect July 1, 2022, the public welfare requiring it.

Amendment No. _____

Signature of Sponsor

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Date _____

Time _____

Clerk _____

Comm. Amdt. _____

AMEND Senate Bill No. 2149*

House Bill No. 2850

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) The department of safety shall create a handgun safety course reimbursement program for the purpose of allowing a resident of this state to participate, at minimal cost, in a handgun safety course approved by the department. A resident of this state may participate in a handgun safety course under this reimbursement program one (1) time.

(b) The program must:

(1) Entitle a resident of this state to participate in a handgun safety course approved by the department of safety and pay only any expense of the course that exceeds thirty dollars (\$30.00);

(2) Establish a process for an entity providing an approved handgun safety course to a resident of this state to seek payment from the department in the amount of thirty dollars (\$30.00) as reimbursement for the cost of the resident's participation in the course upon verification by the department that the resident participated in the course and that the resident has not previously participated in a handgun safety course pursuant to this section; and

(3) Create a process for the department to verify the attendance of a resident of this state at an approved handgun safety course provided by the entity seeking reimbursement. As part of the verification process, the department



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shall not require the social security number of any person taking an approved handgun safety course.

(c)

(1) A licensed federal firearms dealer in this state shall display in a prominent location, including all entrances primarily used by persons entering the property, building, or portion of the property or building where firearms are sold, a sign measuring at least eight (8) inches wide and ten (10) inches high and containing the following information:

HANDGUN SAFETY TRAINING

THE STATE OF TENNESSEE WILL PAY \$30.00

YOUR COST: _____

COURSE AVAILABLE AT

(NAME OF ENTITY PROVIDING THE COURSE)

(ADDRESS OF ENTITY PROVIDING THE COURSE)

(TELEPHONE NUMBER OF ENTITY PROVIDING COURSE)

HANDGUN PURCHASE NOT REQUIRED

(2) A licensed federal firearms dealer may also provide the information contained in the sign required pursuant to subdivision (c)(1) in the form of a flyer.

(3) The department shall provide information on approved handgun safety training courses provided to residents of this state at minimal cost pursuant to this section on its website.

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