

HOUSE BILL 455

By Littleton

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39,
Chapter 17, Part 13, relative to possession or
carrying of firearms by law enforcement officers.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1350, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

() A law enforcement officer shall not be denied entry to or removed from an event when the officer holds a valid ticket or has paid a required admission fee to attend the event if the denial or removal is based on the officer's carrying of a firearm in compliance with this section. The owner or operator of an event venue may require a law enforcement officer to inform the owner or operator that the officer will be present at the event and in possession of a firearm. If the owner or operator is unavailable, the notice may be given to an appropriate administrative staff person at the event venue. If the owner or operator requires notification, the requirement shall be prominently posted at all public entrances to the event venue.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to events for which tickets are purchased or admission fees are paid on or after that date.