

TENNESSEE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION HOUSE OF DELEGATES

May 21, 2022

Resolution No. 15-22

**INTRODUCED BY:** BOB VEGORS, MD, DELEGATE  
TENNESSEE CHAPTER, AMERICAN COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS

**SUBJECT:** MODIFICATION OF 2021 TENNESSEE PERMITLESS HANDGUN CARRY LAW

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- 1 Whereas, The Tennessee Permitless Handgun Carry Law passed by the legislature and signed  
2 by the governor became law on July 1, 2021; and  
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- 4 Whereas, The annual loss of state revenue due to the absence of permits is estimated at \$20  
5 million; and  
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- 7 Whereas, Handgun safety training programs have consistently been shown to be effective  
8 in decreasing firearm injuries; and  
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- 10 Whereas, The present law does not require any training by the new handgun purchaser;  
11 Now, therefore be it  
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- 13 **RESOLVED,** That Tennessee Medical Association advocate that all new handgun purchasers  
14 be required within six months to complete the eight-hour training course  
15 previously required for new Concealed Carry Weapon (CCW) permit holders (or  
16 similar course), with exceptions for active military; and be it further  
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- 18 **RESOLVED,** That Tennessee Medical Association advocate for underwriting of this program  
19 by a one to two percent surcharge on all handgun purchases and ammunition  
20 purchases; and be it further  
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- 22 **RESOLVED** That until required training for new handgun owners is enacted into law,  
23 Tennessee Medical Association be opposed to any action on SB2866 that was  
24 deferred by the legislature to summer study on April 6, 2022.

Sunset: 2029  
Fiscal Note: TBD