



The Weekly Update

Tennessee General Assembly

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House Bill 2813

At the beginning of March I reported on HB 2813 which was making its way through the committee process. I am happy to say this bill, which more than doubles the penalty for armed robbery offenses, passed on the House floor yesterday. This sends a clear message to the criminals who pull guns on our citizens they can expect to be in jail for a much longer time.

Under the new legislation, criminals who are convicted of armed robbery would be required to serve a minimum of six years of an eight year sentence before being eligible for release. Currently the minimum sentence is only two to five years. This legislation makes the punishment fit the crime.



**State Representative
Gary Moore
with Police Chief
Ronal Serpas
and bill sponsor
State Representative
Gary Odom
in House Chambers
following passage
of House Bill 2813**

The new legislation will not cost taxpayers because it is written to require that non-violent felons (crimes such as forgery for example) serve sentences in community corrections programs, under which they would pay restitution to their victims. This measure frees up cells for the most violent criminals in society.

This legislation is endorsed by the Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police and the Tennessee District Attorneys General. The bill is now making its way through the Senate, and will be for future sentencing guidelines that will affect those convicted on or after the effective date of this bill.

House Bill 3683

I have had several calls regarding storm water fees being assessed on your water bills. Next Tuesday House Bill 3683 will be in the House Conservation and Environment Committee. This bill, as amended, would clarify that all properties in Davidson County zoned AR2a or AG (agriculture) shall be exempt from storm water fees. If you would like to contact those committee members to express your thoughts on the issue before they vote on it, their contact numbers are as follow:

Chairman Joe McCord	741-5481
Vice-Chairman John Tidwell	741-7098
Secretary Richard Floyd	741-2746
Rep. Mike Bell	741-1946
Rep. Butch Borchert	741-6804
Rep. George Fraley	741-8695
Rep. Brenda Gilmore	741-1997
Rep. David Hawk	741-7482
Rep. Mike Kernell	741-3726
Rep. Ron Lollar	741-7084
Rep. Mike McDonald	741-1980
Rep. Frank Niceley	741-4419

House Bill 3389/House Bill 3391

Both of these bills are mine and both passed the House this week. **House Bill 3389** requires that supervisors of state employees be on site with the employees they are supervising. I filed this bill after learning that some state employees in Tennessee were being “supervised” by someone whose office was located out of state.

House Bill 3391 is a bill for Davidson County only. It allows a “master” to hear certain cases such as child support petitions, orders of protection and several other domestic type cases. This was requested due to the extreme backlog of cases in our Davidson County courts which hear domestic cases. In all such cases heard by a “master”, the petitioner has a right to request and receive a full hearing by a judge if so desired.

Have a great weekend, and please call if I may assist you.



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