## **HOUSE BILL 7050**

## By Clemmons

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 8; Title 38 and Title 39, relative to firearm locks.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38, Chapter 3, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

On or before January 1, 2024, the department of safety, using existing state grant programs to the extent possible as well as appropriations made in a general or supplemental appropriations act, shall distribute firearm locks to each county's sheriff for distribution to members of the public. The department shall base the number of firearm locks allocated to each county on the population of the counties. Each sheriff shall distribute firearm locks to any person who makes a request, and may distribute multiple locks to the same person, if supplies are available. If a sheriff's supply of firearm locks is exhausted, the sheriff may request additional locks from the department or seek to receive and redistribute surplus locks from other counties.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.