

STATE OF TENNESSEE

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 581

SENATE BILL NO. 1907

By Norris, Marrero, Overbey, Tracy, Crowe, Southerland, Stanley, Woodson, Burchett, McNally, Yager, Watson, Burks

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1545

By John Deberry, Camper, Hardaway, Favors

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 6, Part 7, relative to health care services.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-6-703, is amended by deleting subdivisions (4) and (5) in their entirety and substituting instead the following:

(4) "Sponsoring organization" means any organization that organizes or arranges for the voluntary provision of health care services and that registers with the Department of Health as a sponsoring organization in accordance with § 63-6-706, and charges clients on a sliding scale according to income; and

(5) "Voluntary provision of health care services" means the providing of professional health care services by the health care provider without charge to the recipient of such services or to a third party.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-6-708(a)(1), is amended by deleting it in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(a)(1) No person who is licensed, certified or authorized by the board of any of the professions of the healing arts, as enumerated in this title, and who engages in the voluntary provision of health care services within the limits of the person's license, certification or authorization to any patient of a sponsoring organization within the meaning of this part, shall be liable for any civil damages for any act or omission resulting from the rendering of such services, unless the act or omission was the result of such person's gross negligence or willful misconduct.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: June 16, 2009

  
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RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
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KENT WILLIAMS, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 1st day of July 2009



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PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR