



# State of Tennessee

## PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 277

### HOUSE BILL NO. 425

**By Representatives Terry, Timothy Hill, Pody, Holt, Womick, Matheny, Goins, Van Huss, Matthew Hill, Reedy, Moody, Kane, Rogers, Daniel, Forgety, Jerry Sexton, Williams, Cameron Sexton, Carter, Lamberth, Ragan, Beck, Camper, Pitts, McCormick, Weaver, Hulsey, Spivey, Littleton, Shepard, Wilburn, Butt, Casada, Love, Gravitt, Calfee, Smith, Sparks, Eldridge, Kumar, Hazlewood, Howell, Madam Speaker Harwell, Dawn White, Byrd, Mark White, Windle, Durham, Powers, Favors, Hardaway, Stewart, Lundberg, Kevin Brooks, Miller, Powell, Dunlap, Harry Brooks**

**Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1016**

**By Senators Dickerson, Bowling, Norris, Roberts**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63 and Title 68, relative to health care.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 6, Part 7, is amended by adding the following as a new section to be appropriately designated:

(a) This section may be known and cited as the "Kenneth Harry-Hill Tennessee Veterans Health Care Act of 2015." This section may also be known as the "Mission Tennessee for Veterans Program."

(b) In addition to any other health care authorized by this part, a licensed healthcare provider who is a member of the national guard in this state, under title 58, chapter 1, part 2, may provide healthcare services to veterans and other persons who lack health insurance at a free clinic operated on the site of an armory, as defined in § 58-1-507. The free clinic is authorized to provide limited primary health care, but not emergency care or urgent care services. Healthcare providers rendering services under this subsection shall be deemed to be engaging in the voluntary provision of healthcare services under this part.

(c)

(1) The military department is authorized to permit the use of an armory as a site of a free clinic on a temporary basis.

(2) The military department is also authorized to permit members of the national guard who are licensed healthcare providers in this state to volunteer at free clinics operated at an armory under this section.

(3) The military department is authorized to accept donations of medical supplies and services to assist the operation of a free clinic at an armory under this section.

(d) A free clinic operating under this section is authorized to participate in appropriate networks and public information activities in order to facilitate access to free healthcare services by veterans.

(e) The commissioner of health is authorized to promulgate rules to effectuate the purposes of this section. The rules shall be promulgated in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5.

(f) For the purposes of this section, "veteran" means a Tennessee resident who has entered and served in the United States armed forces and who was discharged or released therefrom under conditions other than dishonorable.

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SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 15, 2015

  
BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April 2015

  
BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR