



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 370

HOUSE BILL NO. 1271

By Representatives Thompson, Mark White, Miller, DeBerry, Byrd, Akbari, Camper,
Hardaway, Turner

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1270

By Senators Norris, Harris

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 140, Part 3, relative to emergency services.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-140-302, is amended by adding the following as new subdivisions to be appropriately designated:

() "Community paramedic" means an individual who:

(A) Is licensed as a paramedic that delivers care in emergency and non-urgent pre-hospital settings with oversight of a physician;

(B) Has received specialized training in physiology, disease processes, injury and illness prevention, and medical system navigation, in addition to general paramedic training; and

(C) Meets the requirements for additional licensure as a community paramedic as established by the board;

() "Community paramedicine" means the practice by emergency medical services personnel, primarily in an out-of-hospital setting, that may include the provisions of such services as patient evaluation, advice, treatment directed at preventing or improving a particular medical condition, or referrals to other community resources, which may be provided occasionally or at irregular intervals;

() "Mobile integrated health care" means the provision of health care using patient-centered, mobile resources in the out-of-hospital environment under local medical control as part of a community-based team of health and social services providers to include, but not be limited to, home health organizations and community paramedics;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-140-304, is amended by adding the following new subdivision:

() Establish standards for a community paramedic through promulgation of rules pursuant to the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5. These standards shall provide that the evaluation, advice, and treatment are within the scope of practice of emergency medical services personnel when specifically requested or directed by a physician as a means of delivering mobile integrated health care;

SECTION 3. Notwithstanding this act or the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5, any rule promulgated to implement the provisions of this act shall be provided to the chairs of the health committee of the house of representatives and the health and welfare committee of the senate by the secretary of state, after approval by the attorney general and reporter, at the same time the text of the rule is made available to the government operations committees of the senate and the house of representatives for purposes of conducting the review required by § 4-5-226 in order for the health committee of the house of representatives and the health and welfare committee of the senate to be afforded the opportunity to comment on the rule.

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SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: May 1, 2017

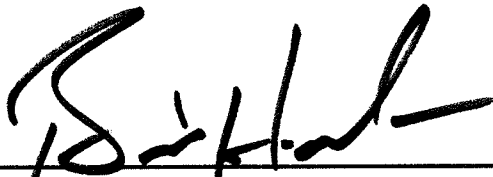


BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MCNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 11th day of May 2017



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR