



# State of Tennessee

## PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 675

### HOUSE BILL NO. 2004

By Representatives Terry, Madam Speaker Harwell, Cameron Sexton, Clemmons, Ragan, Calfee, Rudd, Hardaway, Turner, Thompson, Reedy, Matheny, Dawn White, Pitts, Hicks, Jerry Sexton, Sparks, Matlock, Holt, Towns, Faison

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2022

By Senators Haile, Bailey

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 50 and Title 63, relative to reporting related to controlled substances.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 1, is amended by adding the following as a new part:

#### **63-1-601.**

(a) The department of health shall accept allegations of opioid abuse or diversion. The department shall publicize a means of reporting allegations of opioid abuse or diversion.

(b) Any entity that prescribes, dispenses, or handles opioids shall provide information to employees about reporting suspected opioid abuse or diversion. The information may be provided to each employee individually in writing, documented by the employing entity, or by posting, in a conspicuous location in a non-public area regularly used by employees, a sign at least eleven inches (11") in height and seventeen inches (17") in width stating:

NOTICE: PLEASE REPORT ANY SUSPECTED ABUSE OR DIVERSION OF OPIOIDS, OR ANY OTHER IMPROPER BEHAVIOR WITH RESPECT TO OPIOIDS, TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S COMPLAINT INTAKE LINE:

[NUMBER OF INTAKE LINE]

(c) The department shall refer reports received to the appropriate health-related board or law enforcement official.

#### **63-1-602.**

(a) No employee of an entity that prescribes, dispenses, or handles opioids shall be discharged or terminated solely for reporting information in good faith to the department of health.

(b) No person licensed under this title shall suffer an adverse licensure action solely for reporting information in good faith to the department of health.

(c) A person who reports information in good faith to the department of health is immune from civil liability related to the report.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2019, the public welfare requiring it.

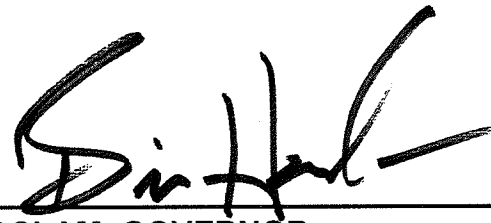
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PASSED: March 26, 2018

  
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BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
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RANDY MCNALLY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April 2018

  
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BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR