

# *State of Tennessee*

## **PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 188**

**SENATE BILL NO. 1349**

**By Yager**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 527

**By Reedy**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 5; Title 7; Title 55; Title 56; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to ambulance services.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-5-1506, is amended by deleting subsection (a) and substituting instead the following:

(a) The bureau has the authority to create policy measures that ensure the enforcement and compliance of this part. The bureau shall require an ambulance provider that fails to pay an assessment due under this part to pay the bureau, in addition to the assessment, a penalty of fifty dollars (\$50.00) per calendar day for each day the assessment remains unpaid in full after the date due. The bureau may waive penalties for a delinquent provider if the provider has entered into a payment plan approved by the bureau. If the provider fails to comply with the terms of the payment plan, then the bureau may reinstate the waived penalties. Other enforcement measures determined by the bureau include, but are not limited to, recoupments, withholding of future payments, and loss of medicaid ID.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-5-1508, is amended by deleting subsection (d) and substituting instead the following:

(d) The ground ambulance provider assessment established by this part terminates on June 30, 2020.

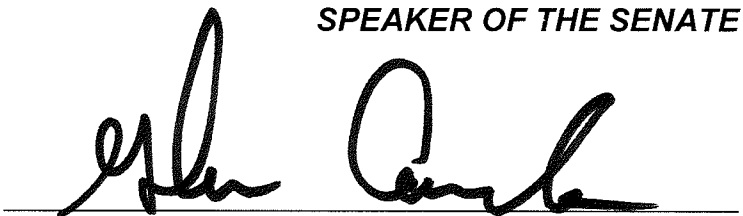
SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-5-1504(c), is amended by deleting the language "calendar year 2017" and substituting instead the language "calendar year 2018".

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2019, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 10, 2019

  
RANDY McNALLY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
GLEN CASADA, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April 2019

  
BILL LEE, GOVERNOR