



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 229

HOUSE BILL NO. 655

By Representatives Cameron Sexton, Terry, Helton

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1206

By Senators Crowe, Roberts

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 8; Title 33; Title 56; Title 63; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to payment for healthcare services.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by adding the following new section:

(a) Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary, a healthcare professional may accept goods or services as payment in a direct exchange of barter for healthcare services provided by the healthcare professional if the patient to whom the healthcare services are provided is not covered by health insurance coverage, as defined by § 56-7-109. A healthcare professional who accepts barter as payment in accordance with this section shall annually submit a copy of the relevant federal tax form disclosing the healthcare professional's income from barter to the healthcare professional's licensing board. This section does not apply to any healthcare services provided at a pain management clinic as defined in § 63-1-301.

(b) For purposes of this section, "healthcare professional" means a physician or other healthcare practitioner licensed, registered, accredited, or certified to perform specified healthcare services pursuant to this title or title 68 and regulated under the authority of the department of health or any agency, board, council, or committee attached to the department.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-6-247, is amended by deleting the section.

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

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PASSED: April 15, 2019



GLEN CASADA, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MCNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 30th day of April 2019



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR