



# *State of Tennessee*

## **PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 619**

**SENATE BILL NO. 1888**

**By Reeves**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1875

**By Vaughan**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 1, Part 1, relative to charity care for hospitals.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-1-109(2)(A)(ii), is amended by deleting the second sentence and substituting the following:

Indigence income is determined by the provider's posted charity care policy as required by § 68-11-268.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-1-109(2)(B), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting the following:

(B) If indigence is determined and the provider concludes that there had been no improvement in the beneficiary's financial condition, then the hospital may deem uncollectable the debt, or the portion of the debt, determined to be charity care without having to apply the bad debt collection criteria.

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

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PASSED: March 16, 2020

  
RANDY McNALLY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020

  
BILL LEE, GOVERNOR