



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 245

HOUSE BILL NO. 422

By Representatives Smith, Helton, White, Reedy, Hardaway

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 743

By Senators Hensley, Robinson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 8; Title 55, Chapter 9, Part 4 and Title 63, relative to nursing.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 7, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

Notwithstanding any provision of any title to the contrary, a person shall not use the title "nurse" or any other title, abbreviation, or designation in connection with the person's name, occupation, or profession to indicate or imply that the person is a practicing nurse unless the person is actively licensed or certified by the board of nursing.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-7-122, is amended by deleting subsection (a) and substituting instead the following:

(a) The board of nursing, in addition to the powers and duties expressly granted by this chapter in the matter of suspension or revocation of a license, is authorized and empowered to petition any circuit or chancery court having jurisdiction to enjoin:

(1) Any person from practicing or from attempting to practice as a professional or registered nurse, as described in § 63-7-103, or as a licensed practical nurse, as described in § 63-7-108, without possessing a valid license;

(2) Any licensee from practicing who has been found guilty of the acts enumerated in § 63-7-115; or

(3) Any person from using the title "nurse" or from using any other title, abbreviation, or designation in connection with the person's name, occupation, or profession that indicates or implies that the person is a practicing nurse, but who does not possess a valid license or certificate from the board of nursing.

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

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PASSED: April 17, 2019



GLEN CASADA, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MCNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 2nd day of May 2019



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR