

HOUSE BILL 665

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 53  
and Title 63, relative to buprenorphine.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 53-11-311, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

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(1) A healthcare provider shall not make an initial prescription of a buprenorphine product to a patient pursuant to this section, unless the patient has first signed a copy of the form described in subdivision (i)(2) to acknowledge receipt and understanding of the form. The healthcare provider shall maintain a copy of the form in the patient's medical record. A form signed by a patient pursuant to this subdivision (i)(1) expires one (1) year after the date it is signed by the patient, and must be renewed before the healthcare provider may issue a subsequent buprenorphine prescription on or after the expiration date.

(2) No later than ninety (90) days after the effective date of this act, the department of health shall make available on its public website, in a manner that may be downloaded by a healthcare provider for distribution to a patient, a document that contains information on the risks associated with buprenorphine use by pregnant women and the potential effects of such use on unborn children and infants, including, but not limited to, neonatal abstinence syndrome. The form must include an area for a patient's signature.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.