

HOUSE BILL 938

By Kane

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 6, Part 7, relative to voluntary provision of health care services.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-6-703, is amended by deleting subdivisions (4) and (5) in their entireties and by substituting instead the following:

(4) "Sponsoring organization" means any organization that organizes or arranges for the voluntary provision of health care services and that registers with the department of health as a sponsoring organization in accordance with § 63-6-706 and charges recipients based on one (1) of the following criteria:

(A) On a sliding scale according to income;

(B) A fee at the time of service of no more than the state regulatory fee paid biennially as provided for in § 4-3-1011; or

(C) No fee to the recipient; and

(5) "Voluntary provision of health care services" means the providing of professional health services by the health care provider without charge to the recipient of the services or to a third party. Nothing shall preclude a health care provider from collecting the charges described in § 63-6-703(4)(A) or (B) on behalf of the sponsoring organization as long as the health care provider retains none of the payment and forwards all collections to the sponsoring organization.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013, the public welfare requiring it.