## HOUSE BILL 1060

## By Shepard

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 42, relative to defense of state employees.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated 8-42-103, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection (d):

(d) For the exclusive purpose of this section, "state employee" also includes any expert witness appearing and testifying on behalf of the department of health at any administrative hearing or other similar proceeding held with respect to a disciplinary or other action against any person or entity required to be licensed, permitted, certified, or authorized by any board, council, committee, or agency created pursuant to title 63 and title 68. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, such witness shall not be considered a state employee for any other purpose including, but not limited to, §§ 9-8-112 and 9-8-307.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring

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