



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 785

HOUSE BILL NO. 1682

By Representatives Lamberth, Cochran, Brock Martin

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2079

By Senators Johnson, Stevens

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 33-6-503 and Section 33-6-421, relative to licensed professionals who may sign certificates of need.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 33-6-421, is amended by deleting the section and substituting:

The chief officer shall file with the court, by the time of the probable cause hearing, certificates of need for care and treatment from two (2) licensed physicians; one (1) licensed physician and one (1) psychologist qualified under § 33-6-427(a); or one (1) licensed physician and one (1) qualified advanced practice provider, as defined in § 33-6-407(a), who is not in a collaborating agreement with the licensed physician who signed the other certificate of need filed with the court as required by this section, certifying that the defendant satisfies the requirements of § 33-6-502(1)-(4), and certifying that if involuntary treatment is not continued, the defendant's condition resulting from mental illness or serious emotional disturbance is likely to deteriorate rapidly to the point that the defendant would again be admissible under § 33-6-403, and showing the factual foundation for the conclusions on each item of the certificates.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 33-6-503, is amended by deleting the section and substituting:

No defendant may be judicially committed under this part unless two (2) licensed physicians; one (1) licensed physician and one (1) licensed psychologist qualified under § 33-6-427(a); or one (1) licensed physician and one (1) qualified advanced practice provider as defined in § 33-6-407(a), who is not in a collaborating agreement with the licensed physician who signed the other certificate required by this section, file in the commitment proceeding certificates of need for care and treatment certifying that the defendant satisfies the requirements of § 33-6-502(1)-(4) and showing the factual foundation for the conclusions on each item. No defendant who is a child under sixteen (16) years of age may be judicially committed under this part unless one (1) of the certificates is filed by a physician, psychologist, or qualified advanced practice provider with experience with children.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2024, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 8, 2024



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MENALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 23rd day of April 2024



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR