

HOUSE BILL 2081

By Alexander

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68,
Chapter 1, Part 9, relative to medication
administration.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-1-904, is amended by deleting subdivision (c)(3) and substituting:

(3) An unlicensed person who is employed by a personal support service agency (PSSA) licensed under title 33 may administer medications to an individual who is incapable of self-administration in the individual's place of residence after the unlicensed person satisfactorily completes a competency-based training program approved by the department of mental health and substance abuse services.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-1-904, is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision (c)(4):

(4) The unlicensed personnel referenced in subdivisions (c)(1) and (c)(3) shall not administer intravenous, intramuscular, or certain subcutaneous injectable medications, as defined by rule. The unlicensed personnel referenced in subdivision (c)(2) shall not assist with the self-administration of vaginal medications, rectal medications, intravenous, intramuscular, or certain subcutaneous injectable medications, as defined by rule. The department of intellectual and developmental disabilities, in consultation with the board of nursing, shall promulgate rules, including emergency rules, to provide for competency-based training, education, and appropriate monitoring of the unlicensed personnel covered by this subsection (c) who have the authority to perform the services provided for in this subsection (c), notwithstanding any other statute

or rule. The unlicensed personnel are exempt from the licensing requirements contained in and rules promulgated pursuant to title 63, chapter 7, part 1.

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