

HOUSE BILL 2241

By Maggart

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 33,
relative to employees of certain mental health
facilities.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 33, Chapter 2, Part 4, is amended by
adding the following as a new section:

§ 33-2-422.

(a) No mental health residential treatment facility or mental health supportive
living facility, including but not limited to group homes and assisted-living facilities, may
employ a person who is a convicted felon.

(b) The department shall maintain files with relevant information on employees
of facilities covered under subsection (a) in order to monitor compliance with subsection
(a).

(c) The commissioner of mental health and developmental disabilities is
authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this section.
All such rules and regulations shall be promulgated in accordance with the Uniform
Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.