HOUSE BILL 2365

By McCormick

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, relative to unlicensed individuals of the department of intellectual and developmental disabilities following universal do not resuscitate orders.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-224, is amended by adding to section (c) subsection (1) as follows:

(1) The department of intellectual and developmental disabilities shall allow unlicensed individuals who provide direct support and care to persons supported and who are employed by agencies that are licensed under title 33 and under contract to provide residential or adult day programs and personal assistance or who provide direct support and care to persons supported within the ICF/ID homes and department facilities, to be authorized to follow universal do not resuscitate orders that are made available to them in a form approved by the board.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-224, is further amended in section (e) by deleting "and" at the end of subsection (4) and adding to section (e) subsection (5) as follows with the remaining subsection re-numbered accordingly:

(5) "Unlicensed individuals who provide direct care and support to persons supported" shall mean the unlicensed individuals, including their unlicensed direct care and support supervisors, who are employed to provide direct care and support to persons supported within the department of intellectual and developmental disabilities ICF/ID homes and facilities or by agencies that are licensed under title 33 and under contract with this department; and

SECTION 3: This act shall take effect upon amendment, the public welfare requiring it.