

HOUSE BILL 2405

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63,
Chapter 1, Part 1 and Section 71-5-107, relative to
hyperbaric oxygen therapy treatment.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by adding the following new section:

(a) This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Veterans Traumatic Brain Injury and Post-traumatic Stress Disorder Treatment and Recovery Act".

(b) As used in this section:

(1) "Authorized medical professional" means a healthcare provider who holds a license in good standing in this state as a:

- (A) Physician licensed under chapter 6 or 9 of this title;
- (B) Nurse licensed under chapter 7 of this title;
- (C) Physician assistant licensed under chapter 19 of this title; or
- (D) Psychologist licensed under chapter 11 of this title;

(2) "Hyperbaric oxygen therapy treatment" means treatment with a prescription from an authorized medical professional in either a hyperbaric chamber approved by the United States food and drug administration or a device with an appropriate investigational device exemption approved by the United States food and drug administration; and

(3) "Veteran" means a person who served on active duty, other than for training purposes, as a member of any component of the armed forces of the United States or of any reserve component, as defined in 10 U.S.C. § 10101, for

a period of one hundred eighty (180) days or more, unless released earlier because of a service-connected disability, and who was discharged or released from the armed forces of the United States under conditions other than a dishonorable discharge.

(c) An authorized medical professional may prescribe hyperbaric oxygen therapy treatment to a veteran for the treatment of traumatic brain injury or post-traumatic stress disorder. Any authorized medical professional who prescribes hyperbaric oxygen therapy treatment to a veteran for the treatment of traumatic brain injury or post-traumatic stress disorder must do so in a manner that complies with the treatment protocols approved by the division.

(d) A veteran who is a resident of this state and who has been diagnosed with a traumatic brain injury or post-traumatic stress disorder by an authorized medical professional may receive hyperbaric oxygen therapy treatment in this state for the treatment of traumatic brain injury or post-traumatic stress disorder.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-5-107(a), is amended by adding the following new subdivision:

() Hyperbaric oxygen therapy treatment for veterans, as those terms are defined in Section 1, for the treatment of traumatic brain injury or post-traumatic stress disorder;

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