

SENATE BILL 171

By Johnson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8;
Title 33; Title 56; Title 63; Title 68 and Title 71,
relative to health care.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 56-7-2366(a), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting the following:

(a) Every insured or policy holder of a group policy of accident and sickness insurance offered for sale in this state, that provides coverage for hospital or medical expenses that also provides coverage to the spouse of the insured, must provide at least sixty-days' prior notice of the termination of coverage to the covered spouse as a result of a divorce, a legal separation, or other separation. The notice must be written, filed with the court that is hearing the divorce or legal separation prior to or at the final hearing, and served upon the spouse as provided by Tennessee rules of civil procedure. If no divorce, legal separation, or similar legal proceeding is pending, then the notice must be transmitted by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the last known address of the spouse.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it, and applies to all policies or contracts entered into, renewed, amended, or delivered on or after the effective date of this act.