

SENATE BILL 291

By Robinson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 33;
Title 53; 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, Title 68, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by
adding the following as a new section:

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Emergency medical technician" means a resident of this state who is
licensed with cognitive knowledge and a scope of practice that corresponds to
that level in the National EMS Education Standards and National EMS Scope of
Practice Model;

(2) "Healthcare services" means any service, treatment, or provision of
product for the care of physical or mental disease, illness, injury, defect, or
condition, or to otherwise maintain or improve physical or mental health, subject
to all laws and rules regulating healthcare providers and products within this
state;

(3) "Nurse" means a resident of this state who is licensed as a
professional nurse pursuant to title 63, chapter 7; and

(4) "Paramedic" means a resident of this state who is licensed with
cognitive knowledge and a scope of practice that corresponds to that level in the
National EMS Education Standards and National EMS Scope of Practice Model.

(b) The department of health shall provide each nurse, paramedic, and
emergency medical technician who has provided healthcare services during the effective

period of the state of emergency declared by the governor in Executive Order No. 14 on March 12, 2020, and any subsequent executive order extending the state of emergency, with a one-time stipend of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) within one (1) month of the effective date of this act.

SECTION 2. The commissioner of health shall promulgate rules to effectuate the purposes of this act. The rules must be promulgated in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5.

SECTION 3. For the purpose of promulgating rules, this act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act takes effect July 1, 2021, the public welfare requiring it.