SENATE BILL 415

By Crowe

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 47; Title 62, Chapter 5 and Title 68, relative to licensees in the funeral services industry.

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

- SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 62-5-317(b), is amended by adding the following language as new, appropriately designated subdivisions:
 - (20) Affiliating with any health care institution, as defined in § 68-11-1602, or any officer, administrator or board member of such institution if the institution is a firm, corporation, partnership or association, or any person owning five percent (5%) or more of such institution; or
 - (21) Entering into any type of arrangement, financial or otherwise, with any health care organization, as defined in § 68-11-1602, where the primary focus of the organization is on end-of-life services;
- SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 62-5-317, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:
 - (c) Subdivisions (b)(20) and (21) shall not:
 - (1) Preclude a person or legal entity from giving a charitable contribution to a registered not-for-profit organization whose focus is healthcare; and
 - (2) Apply to persons serving on boards or within organizations for which the persons' receive no direct compensation but may receive reimbursement for activities related to the organization.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to any arrangements in violation of this act entered into or renewed on or after the effective date of this act.