

SENATE BILL 455

By Overbey

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 11 and Title 71, Chapter 5, relative to long term care.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-207(e), is amended by deleting the language "facility" in each instance and by substituting instead the language "nursing home".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-5-1408, is amended by deleting in its entirety subdivision (b)(1) and by substituting instead the following:

(b)

(1) Documentation prior to approval of nursing facility admission that an individual and the individual's family or other caregivers have been advised of home and community-based alternatives and that the alternatives are not appropriate, cost-effective or desired by the individual or the individual's legal representative; and

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.