

SENATE BILL 547

By Reeves

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4;
Title 34; Title 42; Title 56; Title 63; Title 68 and
Title 71, relative to certificates of need.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-1602(7)(A), is amended by deleting the language "home care organization or any category of service provided by a home care organization for which authorization is required under part 2 of this chapter;"

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-1602(7)(B), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

(vii) A satellite emergency department facility established by a hospital at a location other than the hospital's main campus;

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-1602(7)(B), is further amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

(viii) A home care organization or any category of service provided by a home care organization for which authorization is required under part 2 of this chapter;

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-1607(a)(4), is amended by deleting the language "home health, hospice,".

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-1607(a)(5), is amended by deleting the language "A change in the location of or the replacement of a home health agency may be exempted from the certificate of need requirements by agency rule. The relocation of the principal office of a home health agency or hospice within the same county shall not require a certificate of need"

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-1607(a), is amended by deleting subdivision (12).

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-1607, is amended by deleting subsections (l) and (m).

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.