

SENATE BILL 567

By Overbey

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 33; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to the requirements for entities providing services within any long-term care system within the state.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-5-1411, is amended by adding a new subsection to be appropriately designated:

(c)

(1) For services provided under this part, the commissioner, any department responsible for the oversight of any entity licensed under title 68 or title 33, and the board for licensing healthcare facilities shall ensure that:

(A) Licensure standards are enacted by statute, so that entities providing similar services, including services funded in whole or in part by state funds, are subject to substantially the same licensure requirements, particularly with respect to building, life safety, sprinkler, and staffing and administration standards; and

(B) Entities that provide services that are available to CHOICES Group 1 and Group 2 eligible individuals, including services funded in whole or in part by state funds, shall meet the same, or substantially the same, licensure standards as nursing homes licensed under title 68 to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of any individuals who receive services from the entities.

(2) Subdivision (c)(1)(B) shall not apply if the services are provided within a private residence owned by the recipient, or an individual related to the recipient.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.