

SENATE BILL 676

By Haile

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63,  
relative to the use of professional titles.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-1-109, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

Notwithstanding a law to the contrary, a person shall not use the title "anesthesiologist" or another title, abbreviation, or designation in connection with the person's name, occupation, or profession, to indicate or imply that the person is a practicing anesthesiologist, unless the person is:

(1) A physician who:

(A) Is actively licensed by the board of medical examiners under chapter 6 of this title, or the board of osteopathic examination under chapter 9 of this title;

(B) Has completed a residency in anesthesiology; and

(C) Has a practice that is primarily limited to anesthesiology, including, without limitation, nerve block; pain management; cardiac and respiratory resuscitation; respiratory therapy; management of fluids and electrolyte and metabolic disturbances; or

(2) A dentist licensed in this state who completed a residency program in anesthesiology at an accredited medical school in years 1963 through 1977.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it, and applies to actions taken on or after the effective date of this act.