

SENATE BILL 716

By Green

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68,
Chapter 11, relative to abortions in ambulatory
surgical treatment centers.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-201(3), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting the following:

(3) "Ambulatory surgical treatment center" means any institution, place, or building devoted primarily to the maintenance and operation of a facility for the performance of surgical procedures or any facility in which a surgical procedure is utilized to terminate a pregnancy. Such facilities shall not provide beds or other accommodations for the stay of a patient to exceed twelve (12) hours duration; provided, that the length of stay may be extended for an additional twelve (12) hours in the event such stay is deemed necessary by the attending physician, the facility medical director, or the anesthesiologist for observation or recovery, but in no event shall the length of stay exceed twenty-four (24) hours. No patient for whom a surgical procedure is utilized to terminate a pregnancy shall stay at such a facility for a period exceeding twelve (12) hours. Individual patients shall be discharged in an ambulatory condition without danger to the continued well-being of the patients or shall be transferred to a hospital. Excluded from this definition are the private physicians' and dentists' office practices, unless the physician or dentist is performing a surgical procedure to terminate a pregnancy and that procedure possesses a significant risk of bleeding resulting in impairment, disability, or death, such as a dilation and curettage, dilation and evacuation, or dilation and

extraction, or could result in retention of products of conception that would increase risk of sepsis, bacteremia, or death;

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015, the public welfare requiring it.