

SENATE BILL 743

By Hensley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 8; Title 55, Chapter 9, Part 4 and Title 63, relative to nursing.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-7-103(a)(2), is amended by deleting subdivisions (A)-(C) and substituting instead the following:

(A) Responsible supervision of a human patient requiring skill and observation of symptoms and reactions, and accurate recording of the facts;

(B) Promotion, restoration, and maintenance of health or prevention of illness of humans;

(C) Counseling, managing, supervising, and teaching of humans;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-7-103(a)(2)(D), is amended by deleting the last sentence and substituting instead the following:

A CRNA shall collaborate in a cooperative working relationship with the ordering physician, dentist, or podiatrist in the provision of human patient care, which includes consultation regarding human patient treatment and cooperation in the management and delivery of health care;

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-7-103(a)(2), is amended by deleting subdivision (F) and substituting instead the following:

Nursing management of illness, injury, or infirmity, including the identification of human patient problems.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-7-103(b), is amended by deleting the language "for a patient" and substituting instead the language "for a human patient".

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-7-107, is amended by deleting the first sentence and substituting instead the following:

Any person who holds a license to practice professional nursing in the care or treatment of human patients under this chapter may use the title "nurse," "registered nurse," or the abbreviation "R.N." during the time the license is in effect.

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-7-108, is amended by deleting the first sentence and substituting instead the following:

The "practice of practical nursing" means the performance for compensation of selected acts required in the nursing care of ill, injured, or infirm human patients, or carrying out medical orders prescribed by a licensed physician or dentist under the direction of a licensed physician, dentist, or professional registered nurse.

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 7, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

Notwithstanding any other form of certification, licensure, or registration authorized by this title, only persons licensed by the board of nursing are eligible to be licensed in the practice of nursing in this state.

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