



# *State of Tennessee*

## **PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 274**

**SENATE BILL NO. 849**

**By Roberts**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 537

By Holt, Jernigan

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 33; Title 56; Title 63; Title 67; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to health care.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-12-133, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(d) For the purposes of this chapter, the practice of veterinary medicine does not include massage therapy to animals, which means the manipulation of the soft tissues of the animal body with the intention of positively affecting the health and well-being of the animal. This therapy does not include the diagnosis, treatment, correction, alleviation, or prevention of any animal disease, illness, pain, deformity, defect, injury, or other physical or mental condition. This subsection (d) shall expire on July 1, 2018.

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

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PASSED: April 24, 2017

  
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RANDY McNALLY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
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BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May 2017

  
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BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR