

SENATE BILL 1295

By Crowe

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63,
Chapter 1, relative to treatment guidelines.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-1-401(d), is amended by designating the existing language as subdivision (d)(1) and adding the following as a new subdivision (d)(2):

Beginning with the guidelines issued for September 30, 2017, and for each September 30 thereafter, the commissioner shall include recommended guidelines that are specialty specific for physicians licensed under chapter 6 or 9 of this title who are certified by one of the medical specialty boards approved by the American Board of Medical Specialties or the American Osteopathic Board of Osteopathic Specialties and who prescribe opioids as part of their specialty practice. The specialty specific guidelines must account for the typical medical needs of patients of those specialty practitioners.

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