



# State of Tennessee

## PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 512

### HOUSE BILL NO. 1680

By Representatives Lamberth, Cochran, Alexander, Keisling, Gloria Johnson, Hardaway, Boyd, Fritts, Carr, Sherrell, Rudd, Love, Towns, Helton-Haynes, McKenzie, Vital, Rudder, Reedy, Thompson, Whitson, Bulso, White, Littleton, Camper

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2076

By Senators Johnson, Lundberg, Akbari, Massey, Mr. Speaker McNally, Stevens

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-6-102, relative to abuse or neglect of adults.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-6-102(1), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting:

(1) "Abuse or neglect" means:

(A) A situation in which a caretaker:

(i) Inflicts physical pain, injury, or mental anguish;

(ii) Deprives the adult of services that are necessary to maintain the health and welfare of the adult; or

(iii) Creates a situation in which the adult is unable to provide or obtain the services that are necessary to maintain the adult's personal health or welfare, including financial abuse as defined in § 36-3-601;

(B) Transporting an adult and knowingly abandoning, leaving, or failing to provide additional planned transportation for the adult if the adult's caretaker knows, or should know, that:

(i) The adult is unable to protect or care for himself or herself without assistance or supervision; and

(ii) The caretaker's conduct causes any of the results listed in subdivision (1)(A) or creates a substantial risk of such results; and

(C) Self-neglect as defined in this section.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-6-102, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

( ) "Self-neglect" means an adult's inability, due to physical or cognitive impairment, including diminished capacity, to provide or obtain services, including medical services, necessary to maintain the adult's own health or welfare; and

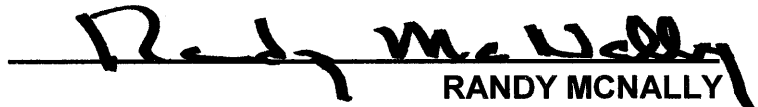
SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: February 22, 2024



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MCNALLY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 28<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR