HOUSE BILL 1737 By Sexton

SENATE BILL 2284

By Dickerson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 53, Chapter 11, relative to the dispensing of controlled substances.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 53-11-308(c), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(c) Except when dispensed directly by a practitioner other than a pharmacy to an ultimate user, a controlled substance included in Schedule III or IV that is a prescription drug shall not be dispensed without a written or oral prescription of a practitioner. The prescription shall not be filled or refilled more than two (2) months after the date of the written or oral prescription or be refilled more than four (4) times, unless renewed by the practitioner.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014, the public welfare requiring it.