



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 1064

SENATE BILL NO. 2782

By Bowling, Hensley, Pody

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2310

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 29; Title 36; Title 37; Title 39 and Title 68, relative to prohibited medical procedures.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 33, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) A person shall not intentionally recruit, harbor, or transport an unemancipated minor within this state for the purpose of receiving a prohibited medical procedure under this chapter, regardless of where the medical procedure is to be procured.

(b) This section does not apply to:

(1) A parent or legal guardian of an unemancipated minor who is authorized to make healthcare decisions for the unemancipated minor;

(2) An adult who has permission from the unemancipated minor's parent or legal guardian as described in subdivision (b)(1);

(3) The provision of a medical diagnosis described in this chapter; or

(4) A common carrier transporting passengers for hire in the course and scope of their business.

(c) It is not a defense to civil liability under this section that the unemancipated minor consented to the actions in subsection (a).

(d)(1) A person who violates subsection (a) may be held liable in a civil action for such violation.

(2) The civil action may be brought by a parent or legal guardian of the unemancipated minor.

(3) In a civil action brought pursuant to a violation of this section, the plaintiff may recover from the person:

(A) Compensatory damages;

(B) Punitive damages; and

(C) Reasonable attorney's fees, court costs, and expenses.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect July 1, 2024, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 25, 2024



RANDY McNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 28th day of May 2024



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR