

SENATE BILL 3332

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63,
Chapters 7 and 19, relative to pain management.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated 63-7-126, is amended by adding a new subsection (f) as follows:

(f) An advanced practice nurse shall only perform invasive procedures involving any portion of the spine, spinal cord, sympathetic nerves or block of major peripheral nerves in any setting not licensed under title 68, chapter 11 under the direct supervision of a Tennessee physician licensed pursuant to chapter 6 or 9 of this title, who is actively practicing spinal injections and has current privileges to do so at a facility licensed pursuant to title 68, chapter 11. For purposes of this subsection (f), direct supervision is defined as being physically present in the same building as the advanced practice nurse at the time the invasive procedure is performed. The supervising physician who violates this subsection (f) is subject to disciplinary action by the physician's licensure board pursuant to § 63-6-214 or § 63-9-111, including civil penalties of up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per violation.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated 63-19-107, is amended by adding a new subdivision (5) as follows:

(5) A physician assistant shall only perform invasive procedures involving any portion of the spine, spinal cord, sympathetic nerves or block of major peripheral nerves in any setting not licensed under title 68, chapter 11, under the direct supervision of a Tennessee physician licensed pursuant to, chapter 6 or 9 of this title, who is actively practicing spinal injections and has current privileges to do so at a facility licensed

pursuant to title 68, chapter 11. For purposes of this subdivision (5), direct supervision is defined as being physically present in the same building as the physician assistant at the time the invasive procedure is performed. The supervising physician who violates this subdivision (5) is subject to disciplinary action by the physician's licensure board pursuant to § 63-6-214 or § 63-9-111, including civil penalties of up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per violation.

SECTION 3. This act shall be effective immediately upon passage, the public welfare requiring it.