SENATE BILL 3506

By Burks

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63 and Title 68, relative to nursing staff requirements for hospice.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-209, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

() Notwithstanding any other provision of this part or title 63, chapter 7, a residential hospice which solely provides respite or routine home care levels of care to hospice patients shall only require staffing by nurses based on each patient's care needs and the available presence of a registered nurse at all time is not necessary unless specific patient care needs so require.

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

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