



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 417

HOUSE BILL NO. 257

By Representatives Littleton, Todd, Hazlewood, Moon, Ragan, Smith, Tillis, Helton,
Staples, Hardaway, White, Doggett, Byrd, Carter

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 265

By Senator Roberts

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 15, Part 5 and Title 71,
relative to offenses involving elderly adults.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 15, Part 5, is amended by
adding the following as a new section:

(a) A person or an entity commits an offense if the person or entity knowingly:

(1) Uses a telephone or other communication or electronic device to
obtain information concerning the medical condition or health of an elderly adult;

(2) Sends, or causes to be sent, medical supplies, medical equipment, or
medicine to the elderly adult and the items sent are unsolicited or specifically
refused; and

(3) Files a claim or submits a bill with the state medicaid plan for
reimbursement of the value of the equipment, supplies, or medicine sent to the
elderly adult.

(b) Any person who violates this section shall be punished as provided in § 71-5-
2601(a)(4).

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 30, 2019



GLEN CASADA, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RANDY MCNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 21st day of May 2019



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR