

HOUSE BILL 723

By Pody

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 53,  
Chapter 11, Part 3, relative to prescription drugs.

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

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

(e)

(1) No prescription for any opioids or benzodiazepines may be dispensed in quantities greater than a thirty-day supply, except when the person to whom the opioids or benzodiazepines are prescribed is:

(A) Sixty-five (65) years of age or older;

(B) Confined to a nursing home, extended care facility, or hospital;

(C) Unable to leave the person's residence due to an extended disability, as certified by the person's physician; or

(D) On a fixed drug plan that charges a flat copayment for prescriptions regardless of the amount of medication ordered.

(2) A physician licensed in this state must certify that a patient meets an exception provided in subdivision (e)(1) before a prescription for any opioids or benzodiazepines may be written for quantities greater than a thirty-day supply; provided, no prescription for any opioids or benzodiazepines shall be written for quantities greater than a ninety-day supply.

SECTION 2. For the purpose of promulgating rules, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law. For all other purposes, this act shall take effect October 1, 2015, the public welfare requiring it.