

HOUSE BILL 952

By Boyd

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4;
Title 33; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to the
regulation of healthcare facilities.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 11, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) The health facilities commission and the department of mental health and substance abuse services may jointly license and regulate facilities that:

(1) Have psychiatric beds and acute care beds; and

(2) Have as a primary purpose or function the provision of psychiatric services.

(b) The health facilities commission, in consultation with the department of mental health and substance abuse services, shall promulgate rules to establish a process for the licensure and regulation of facilities that are licensed pursuant to subsection (a). The rules must be promulgated in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.