

HOUSE BILL 1494

By Towns

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7; Title 33; Title 37; Title 41; Title 49; Title 50; Title 62; Title 63; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to health care.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-3050, is amended by deleting subdivision (b)(7).

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-7-124, is amended by deleting subsections (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), and (g); and deleting in subsection (h) the language "Notwithstanding subsection (g), each" and substituting the word "Each".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-5-105, is amended by deleting subsection (c).

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-5-106, is amended by deleting the section.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-51-209, is amended by deleting subsection (c) and substituting:

Whenever a standard, medically recognized vaccine or other form of immunization exists for the prevention of an infectious disease for which a presumption is granted under this section, if medically indicated in the given circumstances pursuant to immunization policies established by the advisory committee on immunization practices of the United States public health service, an emergency rescue worker may be recommended by the worker's employer to undergo the immunization. Refusal by an emergency rescue worker to undergo the immunization does not disqualify the worker from the benefits of the presumption established by this section.

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-3-703, is amended by deleting subdivision (c)(2).

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37, Chapter 10, Part 4, is amended by deleting sections 37-10-402 and 37-10-403.

SECTION 8. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-10-401(a), is amended by deleting the first sentence of subsection (a); and deleting the language "The parent or legal guardian is encouraged to obtain the recommended immunizations within the first two (2) years of the child's life" and substituting the language "A parent or legal guardian is encouraged to obtain immunizations, as recommended by the federal centers for disease control and prevention or the American Academy of Pediatrics, within the first two (2) years of a child's life".

SECTION 9. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-411, is amended by deleting the section.

SECTION 10. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-5001(a), is amended by deleting the language "must be" and substituting the language "are recommended to be".

SECTION 11. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-5001, is amended by deleting subsections (b), (c), (d), and (e).

SECTION 12. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-5002, is amended by deleting subsection (b).

SECTION 13. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-6-5003, is amended by deleting subsection (b).

SECTION 14. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-3-106, is amended by deleting subdivision (10) and substituting:

Nothing in this chapter or this section authorizes or requires medical examination, immunization, or treatment for those who object to the medical examination, immunization, or treatment; and

SECTION 15. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 62-5-305, is amended by deleting subdivision (b)(4).

SECTION 16. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 62-5-307, is amended by deleting subdivision (b)(4).

SECTION 17. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-140-320, is amended by deleting subdivision (d)(1).

SECTION 18. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-3-104, is amended by deleting subdivision (h)(2)(B)(ii).

SECTION 19. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 1, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

Notwithstanding a law to the contrary, a person in this state may refuse vaccination, immunization, inoculation, or recommended medical treatment for any reason.

SECTION 20. For the purpose of promulgating rules, this act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act takes effect July 1, 2021, the public welfare requiring it.