

HOUSE BILL 1764

By Shipley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8 and Title 33, relative to transport of mental health patients.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 10, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

8-10-___. Where a constable is required to transport a patient with a mental illness, as defined in § 33-1-101, to a healthcare facility within this state, such constable shall be entitled to a per mile fee from the office of county sheriff of the county in which the patient is initially collected. The per mile fee shall be equal to the mileage allowance granted to federal employees.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.