

HOUSE BILL 2907

By Kumar

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 33;  
Title 39; Title 53; Title 63 and Title 68, relative to  
healthcare services.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 6, Part 2, is amended by  
adding the following as a new section:

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Immediate family" means a physician's spouse, parent, child, sibling,  
or another individual in relation to whom a physician's personal or emotional  
involvement may render that physician unable to exercise detached professional  
judgment in reaching diagnostic or therapeutic decisions;

(2) "Physician" means a person licensed pursuant to chapter 6 of this  
title;

(3) "Scheduled drug" means a drug, substance, or immediate precursor  
in Schedules I through VII of §§ 39-17-403 — 39-17-416; and

(4) "Supervisee" means an individual providing healthcare services under  
the direct supervision of a physician.

(b) A physician shall maintain records of all treatment provided pursuant to this  
section.

(c) A physician shall not prescribe, dispense, or administer medication for, or  
otherwise treat, the physician's own self, except in short-term, acute, emergency  
situations.

(d) Notwithstanding subsection (c), a physician shall not prescribe, dispense, or administer a scheduled drug to the physician's own self.

(e) A physician shall not prescribe, dispense, or administer medication for, or otherwise treat, immediate family unless such treatment is for minor, self-limited illnesses or acute, emergency situations.

(f) Notwithstanding subsection (f), a physician shall not prescribe, dispense, or administer scheduled drugs for immediate family except in acute, emergency situations.

(g) Unless there is an established provider-patient relationship between a supervisee and the physician, including a chart, a supervisee shall not prescribe, dispense, or administer medication for, or otherwise treat, a supervising or collaborating physician or the supervising or collaborating physician's immediate family.

(h) Notwithstanding subsection (g), a supervisee shall not prescribe, dispense, or administer scheduled drugs for a supervising or collaborating physician or the supervising or collaborating physician's immediate family except in acute, emergency situations.

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