

SENATE BILL 449

By Bell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 49; Title 62; Title 63; Title 68; Title 69 and Title 70, relative to guides to practice for administrative agencies.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

(a)

(1) All entities listed in chapter 29, part 2 of this title that establish or adopt guides to practice or that regulate professions that establish or adopt guides to practice shall promulgate rules specifying all provisions included in and relating to the guides to practice.

(2) No entity subject to this section shall adopt guides to practice developed or approved by any private organization or association that are not adopted in accordance with this chapter. Any changes to guides to practice made by a private organization or association after the guides to practice are adopted shall be effective only after the changes are also adopted in accordance with this chapter.

(3) As used in this subsection (a), "guides to practice" include codes of ethics, voluntary certification programs, and other measures that establish service quality standards.

(4) This subsection (a) applies to all guides to practice established, adopted, or amended after the effective date of this act.

(b) The rules promulgated pursuant to subsection (a) shall be promulgated in accordance with this chapter.

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