



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 769

SENATE BILL NO. 568

By Johnson, Bailey, Bowling, Stevens, White

Substituted for: House Bill No. 702

By Lamberth, Todd, Zachary, Williams, Hulseay, Sherrell, Gary Hicks, Grills, Moon, Cochran, White, Ragan, Littleton, Moody, Doggett

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 33; Title 56; 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 68-31-101, is amended by adding the following new subdivisions:

() "COVID-19" means the novel coronavirus, SARS-CoV-2, and coronavirus disease 2019, commonly referred to as COVID-19, including a variant of SARS-CoV-2 or COVID-19;

() "COVID-19 vaccine" means a substance used to stimulate the production of antibodies and provide protection against COVID-19, prepared from the causative agent of COVID-19, its products, or a synthetic substitute, and treated to act as an antigen without inducing a COVID-19 infection;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 31, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

68-31-104. Discrimination on the basis of COVID-19 vaccination status prohibited.

A covered entity shall not, solely on the basis of whether an individual has received or will receive a COVID-19 vaccine, do the following:

(1) Consider an individual ineligible for transplantation or receipt of an anatomical gift;

(2) Deny medical or other services related to transplantation, including:

(A) Evaluation;

(B) Surgery; and

(C) Counseling and treatment following transplantation;

(3) Refuse to refer an individual to a transplant center or specialist;

(4) Refuse to place an individual on an organ or tissue waiting list; or

(5) Place an individual at a position on an organ or tissue waiting list that is lower than the position at which the individual would have been placed if not for the individual's COVID-19 vaccine status.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect May 15, 2022, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: March 24, 2022



RANDY McNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 8th day of April 2022



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR