

SENATE BILL 611

By Overbey

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, to provide uniform terms and conditions for restrictive covenants for all healthcare providers.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-1-148, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and by substituting the following:

63-1-148.

(a) A restriction on the right of an employed or contracted healthcare provider to practice the healthcare provider's profession upon termination or conclusion of the employment or contractual relationship shall be deemed reasonable if it complies with the terms and conditions set forth in § 63-6-204(f)(2).

(b) This section shall apply to all healthcare providers licensed under this title.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-6-204(f)(7)(D), is amended by deleting the subdivision and by substituting the following:

(D) "Employing entity" means a hospital licensed under title 68, chapter 11, or title 33, chapter 2, or an affiliate of such an entity, that employs one (1) or more physicians; and any entity that employs physicians and other healthcare providers licensed under this title, including but not limited to those entities specified in § 63-6-204(g)(1) and (4).

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.