

SENATE BILL 1265

By Reeves

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56;
Title 63 and Title 68, relative to telehealth.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-1-155(a)(1), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting the following:

(1) "Healthcare provider" means:

(A) An individual acting within the scope of a valid license issued pursuant to this title;

(B) A state-contracted crisis service provider that is employed by a facility licensed under title 33;

(C) An alcohol and drug abuse counselor licensed under title 68, chapter 24, part 6; or

(D) A graduate who has completed, or a student actively enrolled in, a professional training program the educational standards of which meet the training requirements for a license under this title or title 68, chapter 24, part 6, as long as the graduate or student:

(i) Is providing telehealth services for the purpose of obtaining hours required for licensure or of otherwise fulfilling the educational requirements to apply for licensure; and

(ii) Is, at all times, supervised by an individual who is licensed under this title or title 68, chapter 24, part 6, with an unencumbered license;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-1-155(g)(1), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting the following:

(1) Except as provided in subdivision (g)(2), to practice under this section a healthcare provider must be licensed to practice in this state or be a graduate or student meeting the requirements of subdivision (a)(1)(D).

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