

SENATE BILL 1746

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40
and Title 47, Chapter 18, relative to consumer
protection.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 47-18-2304(b)(1), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting instead the following:

The attorney general and reporter shall deposit any civil penalty collected pursuant to this section into the reward pool fund created by § 40-8-105.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 47-18-2304, is amended by adding the following new subsections:

(d) Except as provided in subsections (e) and (f), a reward of up to thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) is awarded to any person who reports information to the division of consumer affairs that:

- (1) Identifies a person violating § 47-18-2302(a); and
- (2) Leads to the recovery of a civil penalty under § 47-18-2304(a).

(e) If the civil penalty recovered under § 47-18-2304(a) is less than thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000), then a reward of an amount equal to the recovered penalty is awarded to any person who satisfies the requirements of subsection (d).

(f) If more than one (1) person reports information satisfying the requirements of subsection (d), then each person whose report satisfies subsection (d) receives a pro rata share of the reward.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-8-105, is amended by deleting the language "Except as provided in § 40-8-106," and substituting instead, "Except as provided in §§ 40-8-106 and 47-18-2304,".

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020, the public welfare requiring it.