

SENATE BILL 1786

By Southerland

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 10,
Chapter 7, Part 5, relative to confidential records.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 10-7-504, is amended by designating the existing language of subdivision (a)(1) as (a)(1)(A) and by adding the following new

(a)(1)(B):

(B) Notwithstanding the provisions of this subdivision to the contrary, the medical records of a patient in a state hospital shall be made available to the patient's next-of-kin for genealogy purposes if:

- (i) The patient has been deceased for more than ten (10) years; and
- (ii) The records requested are more than fifty (50) years old.

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