SENATE BILL 2210

By Ford

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, relative to nursing homes.

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

SECTION 1. The comptroller of the treasury is directed to conduct an audit of nursing homes to evaluate the licensed nursing homes of this state. The audit shall specifically identify health and safety concerns, and examine issues relating to abuse of elder and vulnerable persons residing in nursing homes, levels of staffing, appropriate use of medications and restraints, the needs of persons with dementia and similar conditions, and measures taken to provide for the social wellbeing of nursing home residents. The comptroller will report the results of this audit to the senate health and welfare committee and the house health committee on or before February 1, 2015.

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