

SENATE BILL 2447

By Ford

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4;
Title 67 and Title 71, relative to medical
assistance.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-5-105(a)(4), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(4) Cooperate with the appropriate federal department in any reasonable manner as may be necessary to qualify for federal aid in connection with the medical assistance program and to implement the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, P.L. 111-148, as amended, and any expansion of eligibility to the extent required or permitted by law;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 67-4-1004, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection (e):

(e)

(1) On and after July 1, 2014, in addition to any other tax imposed by this section, there shall be levied an additional tax of two and two-tenths cents (2.2 ¢) on each cigarette. The proceeds for this tax shall be deposited in a dedicated fund established in subdivision (e)(2) for expenditure as subdivision (e)(2) directs.

(2) There is established a general fund reserve to be allocated by the general appropriations act which shall be known as the "Medicaid expansion fund." Moneys from the fund may be expended to fund the expansion of medical assistance authorized by P.L. 111-148 as provided by Section 1 of this act. Any

revenues deposited in this reserve shall remain in the reserve until expended for purposes consistent with this subsection (e) and Section 1 of this act, and shall not revert to the general fund on any June 30. Any excess revenues on interest earned by such revenues shall not revert on any June 30, but shall remain available for appropriation in subsequent fiscal years. Any appropriation from such reserve shall not revert to the general fund on any June 30, but shall remain available for expenditure in subsequent fiscal years. In addition to appropriations of Medicaid expansion funds made by the annual appropriations act, at any time during the fiscal year, the commissioner of finance and administration may use any additional funds available from the Medicaid management fund to fund activities authorized by this subsection (e) and Section 1 of this act.

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