

SENATE BILL 2542

By Niceley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 33; Title 34; Title 36; Title 37; Title 39; Title 40; Title 41; Title 49; Title 50; Title 53; Title 56; Title 63; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to substance abuse.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 53-11-308(e), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting the following:

(1) Except as provided in subdivision (e)(2), no prescription for any opioids or benzodiazepines may be dispensed in quantities greater than a thirty-day supply.

(2) A patient who suffers from long-term chronic pain, as defined by the department of health in rule, may receive a prescription for opioids or benzodiazepines in quantities up to a ninety-day supply if deemed appropriate by the patient's prescriber.

SECTION 2. For the purpose of promulgating rules, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act shall take effect July 1, 2020, the public welfare requiring it.