

PUBLIC ACTS, 1999
CHAPTER NO. 353
SENATE BILL NO. 1377

By Person

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1054

By Odom

AN ACT To amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-202 and Section 68-11-209, relative to the licensure of health care facilities.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-202(c), is amended by adding the following new subdivisions:

(6) At the request of the owner of the proposed project or the design professional, the department shall make plan review staff available for advice and consultation regarding programmatic concepts and preliminary plans early in the planning process.

(7) The department shall assign adequate numbers of qualified staff to the plan review section to ensure that a thirty (30) day review cycle is provided on any submittal.

(8) If upon final inspection or reinspection of the completed project, the department's representative finds that only minor items remain to be completed or corrected which do not significantly affect the health or safety of the occupants, he or she shall permit occupancy pending completion or correction of such items.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-209, is amended by adding a new subsection as follows:

() Notwithstanding any rules and regulations of the board, a hospital may provide outpatient diagnostic and therapeutic services at locations other than the hospital's main campus without obtaining a waiver from the board, provided such other locations are under the sole control of the hospital.

SECTION 3. The Commissioner of Health is authorized to promulgate rules in accordance with the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5, to provide for the charging of adequate fees to recover the costs to the Department of Health of implementing the provisions of this act.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.

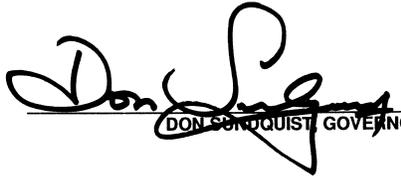
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APPROVED this 14th day of June 1999


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