

CHAPTER NO. 148

SENATE BILL NO. 337

By Cooper

Substituted for: House Bill No. 853

By Ronnie Cole

AN ACT To amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 50, Chapter 6 and Section 68-11-201, relative to home health services.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-123, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

(f) Medical care, treatment, therapy or services provided at the employee's residence pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 50, Chapter 6, shall not be considered home health services as defined in Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-201(15), when provided pursuant to direction of the employee's attending physician in the following specific circumstances only:

(1) By a licensed health care provider who routinely provides services to employees at the place of employment, if the services rendered by such provider at the employee's residence are of the same type rendered by the provider at the place of employment; or

(2) By a licensed physical therapist, occupational therapist or speech therapist practicing independently of a home health agency, when the employee's attending physician determines that it is in the best interest of the employee to be treated by such independent therapist because of the therapist's expertise in workplace injuries.

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

PASSED: April 23, 2001


JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE


JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 3rd day of May 2001


DON S. INGVALD, GOVERNOR