

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 987

SENATE BILL NO. 3212

By Johnson

Substituted for: House Bill No. 3779

By Sargent, Hawk, Overbey, Harrison, McDaniel, Williams, Ford, Roach

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56, Chapter 7, relative to health insurance carriers' payment policies.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 56-7-1013(c), is amended by adding the following language to the end of the subsection:

A health insurance carrier shall not require any provider by contract, reimbursement or otherwise, to notify the health insurance carrier of a hospital inpatient emergency admission within a period of time that is less than one (1) business day of the hospital inpatient admission, if compliance with such requirement would result in notification by the provider on a weekend or federal holiday. Nothing in this subsection shall affect the applicability or administration of other provisions of a contract between a hospital and health insurance carrier, including without limitation preauthorization requirements for scheduled inpatient admissions.

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

PASSED: May 6, 2008



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 21st day of May 2008



PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR