



State of Tennessee
PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 159

SENATE BILL NO. 500

By Norris, Yager, Ketron, Bowling, Burks, Campfield, Haile, Stevens

Substituted for: House Bill No. 519

By McCormick, Lamberth, Sexton, Durham, Doss, Ryan Williams, Mark White, Powers, Shipley, Butt

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 5, Part 26, relative to the prevention of fraud and abuse in TennCare.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-5-2601(a)(1)(A)(iii), is amended by deleting the language "TennCare to pay for either the clinical visit or for payment of the controlled substances" and substituting instead the language "TennCare to obtain the benefits".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-5-2601(a), is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

(5)(A) A person commits an offense who knowingly sells, delivers, or aids and abets any person in the sale or delivery of a drug and used TennCare to obtain the drug.

(B) As used in this subdivision, "drug", "deliver" and "delivery" shall have the same meaning as set forth in § 39-17-402.

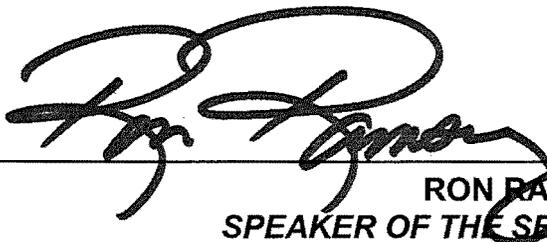
(C) The provisions of subdivision (a)(5) shall not apply to any duly licensed physician, nurse practitioner, pharmacist, or other provider authorized to issue or dispense a prescription acting in good faith in the course of his or her profession.

(D) An offense under subdivision (a)(5) is a Class E felony.

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

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PASSED: April 8, 2013



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 16th day of April 2013



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR