



**State of Tennessee**  
**PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 575**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1928**

**By Representatives Goins, Timothy Hill**

**Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1674**

**By Senators Southerland, Haile**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 6, Part 7, relative to volunteer health care services.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-6-703, is amended by adding a new, appropriately designated subdivision and by deleting subdivision (5) and substituting instead the following:

( ) "Free clinic" means a not for profit, out-patient, non-hospital facility in which a health care provider engages in the voluntary provision of health care services to patients without charge to the recipient of the services or to a third party;

(5) "Voluntary provision of health care services" means the providing of professional health care services by the health care provider either without charge to the recipient of the services or to a third party, or recipients are charged on a sliding scale according to income. Nothing shall preclude a health care provider from collecting the charges described in subdivision (4)(B) on behalf of the sponsoring organization as long as the health care provider retains none of the payment and forwards all collections to the sponsoring organization.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-6-708, is amended by deleting subdivision (a)(1) and substituting instead the following:

(1) No person who is licensed, certified or authorized by the board of any of the professions of the healing arts, as enumerated in this title, shall be liable for any civil damages for any act or omission resulting from the rendering of such services, unless the act or omission was the result of such person's gross negligence or willful misconduct if the person:

(A) Is engaging in the voluntary provision of health care services within the limits of the person's license, certification or authorization; and

(B) The services are delivered to any patient of:

(i) A sponsoring organization; or

(ii) A free clinic.

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

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PASSED: March 13, 2014



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March 2014



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR