



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 215

SENATE BILL NO. 449

By Bell

Substituted for: House Bill No. 566

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 49; Title 62; Title 63; Title 68; Title 69 and Title 70, relative to guides to practice for administrative agencies.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a)(1) All entities listed in chapter 29, part 2 of this title that establish or adopt guides to practice or that regulate professions that establish or adopt guides to practice shall promulgate rules specifying all provisions included in and relating to the guides to practice.

(2) No entity subject to this section shall adopt guides to practice developed or approved by any private organization or association that are not adopted in accordance with this chapter. Any changes to guides to practice made by a private organization or association after the guides to practice are adopted shall be effective only after the changes are also adopted in accordance with this chapter.

(3) This subsection (a) only applies to guides to practice:

(A) Established, adopted, or amended after the effective date of this act; and

(B) That must be complied with in order to maintain a person's license, certification, or registration in order to practice a profession.

(b) The rules promulgated by entities pursuant to subsection (a) shall:

(1) Supersede any existing guides to practice developed or approved by a private organization or association that conflict with or are otherwise not included in such rules; and

(2) Be promulgated in accordance with this chapter.

(c) As used in this section, "guides to practice" includes codes of ethics and other measures that establish service quality standards. "Guides to practice" does not include:

(A) Tests or examinations;

(B) Building codes;

(C) Safety codes; or

(D) Drug standards.

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

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PASSED: April 17, 2017



RANDY McNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 28th day of April 2017



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR