House Mental Health & Substance Abuse Subcommittee Am. # 1

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 1060 House Bill No. 656*

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 53-11-311(c), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting instead the following:

(c)

(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, and except as otherwise provided in subdivision (c)(2), a physician licensed under title 63, chapter 6 or 9, is the only healthcare provider authorized to prescribe any buprenorphine product for any federal food and drug administration approved use in recovery or medication-assisted treatment.

(2) Healthcare providers not licensed pursuant to title 63, chapter 6 or 9, and who are otherwise permitted to prescribe Schedule II or III drugs under this title, are prohibited from prescribing any buprenorphine product for the treatment of opioid use disorder unless the provider:

(A) Is licensed and has practiced as a family, adult, or psychiatric nurse practitioner or physician assistant in this state;

(B) Has had no limitations or conditions imposed on the provider's license by the provider's licensing authority within the previous three (3) years;

(C) Is employed by a community mental health center, as defined in § 33-1-101, or a federally qualified health center, as defined in § 63-10-601, that employs one (1) or more physicians and has adopted clinical protocols for medication-assisted treatment;

(D) Works under the supervision of a physician who holds a waiver registration from the federal drug enforcement agency that authorizes the physician to prescribe buprenorphine products;

(E) Obtains a waiver registration from the federal drug enforcement agency that authorizes the provider to prescribe buprenorphine products under federal law;

(F) Prescribes buprenorphine products only to patients who are treated through the organization that employs the provider; and

(G) Writes prescriptions that can only be dispensed by a licensed pharmacy to ensure entry into the controlled substance database.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019, the public welfare requiring it.