

**CHAPTER NO. 536**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1725**

**By Representatives Eckles, Rhinehart, Head, Kisber, McMillan, Brenda Turner**

**Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1733**

**By Senators Womack, Herron**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56; Title 63 and Title 71, relative to prescription drugs under the TennCare program.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 5, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section to be appropriately designated:

Section \_\_\_\_\_. The Comptroller of the Treasury shall appoint a TennCare prescription drug utilization review committee. The committee shall consist of one (1) pharmacist, one (1) physician, one (1) representative of a managed care organization and one (1) consumer. Each managed care organization participating in the TennCare program shall provide to the committee such information as the Commissioner of Health deems appropriate concerning the prescriptions made to TennCare enrollees who receive more than seven (7) prescriptions. The committee shall review such information and make recommendations to providers and managed care organizations concerning potential drug interactions, abuse of prescription drugs or other appropriate matters.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1999, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 24, 1999

  
JIMMY RAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this day of 1999

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DON SUNDQUIST, GOVERNOR

Pursuant to Article III, Section 18, of the Constitution of the State of Tennessee, the Governor had House Bill No. 1725 in his possession longer than ten (10) days, so therefore the bill becomes law without the Governor's signature.