

HOUSE BILL 1917

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 11, Parts 1, 2, 8, Title 68, Chapter 140, and Title 33 relative to the establishment of an advisory council for the evaluation of, need for and regulation of residential and home health care services to the elderly, and the evaluation, need for and regulation of health care services, health care facilities and medical equipment.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated Title 68, Chapter 11, Parts 1 and 2 are amended by adding the appropriately designated new section thereto as follows:

SECTION _____ . The department of health, the health facilities commission, the department of mental health and the commission on aging are directed to establish an advisory council for the purpose of evaluating both residential and home health care services to the elderly; the evaluation of and the need for health care facilities, health care services and medical equipment. The advisory council's duties shall include, but not be limited to, the development of statewide health plan specifically for Tennessee's elderly population, which addresses the availability and accessibility of assisted care living, hospice and respite care, group home care, home health care and residential care. The statewide health plan shall include, within the context of all health needs, clear statements of goals, objectives, criteria and standards for evaluating the continued need for the facility or service in question, as well as the future projected need for the facility or service in question. The statewide health plan shall also address the evaluation of and need for regulation of health care facilities, services and the acquisition of medical equipment.

The statewide health plan shall be submitted to the board for licensing health care facilities and the health facilities commission by June 30 each year, beginning June 30th, 2002. The recommendations presented in the plan shall be utilized in determining the basis for development of certificates of need, and/or licensure of additional residential or home health services for the elderly or any other health care facility or service.

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