

SENATE BILL 2725
By Clabough

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to fire safety in certain facilities housing vulnerable populations.

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

SECTION 1.

(a) The board for licensing health care facilities shall report to the commissioner of health on or before September 1, 2004 on the desirability for revising the building and fire safety grandfather clause in Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-202(b)(4) after consultation with the commissioner of commerce and insurance concerning the fire marshal's grandfather provision in Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-120-102(b). The report shall address the issue of fire safety in nursing homes, hospitals, residential homes for the aged and all other residential facilities regulated by the board and shall make recommendation concerning changes to enhance the safety of residents of all such residential facilities. The report shall address the working relationship between the state fire marshal's office and the board.

(b) The commissioner of health shall assess the report of the board and consult with commissioner of commerce and insurance concerning possible recommendations for administrative and legislative changes. The commissioner of health shall report recommendations for enhancing the fire safety of residential facilities regulated by the department of health to the house health and human resources committee and the senate general welfare, health and human resources committee on or before January 15, 2005.

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