

**CHAPTER NO. 625**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 2827**

**By Representatives Odom, Harwell**

**Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2936**

**By Senator Ramsey**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-1-119, relative to reporting claims data.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-1-119, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

(f) The claims data required to be reported by this section shall be collected and reported only to the extent it is collected and reported in the normal billing process unless other claims data is deemed by the commissioner to be essential to the development or use of the ASTC claims data reporting system in which case the identified data that is outside the normal billing process must be collected and reported, provided, however that such other claims data that may be required to be collected and reported shall be consistent with data required to be collected and reported by other healthcare providers. Any data that is submitted to the commissioner pursuant to this section shall be made available to the public no more frequently and no sooner after the data is submitted than the data collected and reported by licensed hospitals pursuant to §68-1-108.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-1-119, is amended by deleting the following language from subsection (a):

After receiving the claims data, the commissioner or commissioner's designee shall promptly make such data available for review and copying by the Tennessee Hospital Association (THA). No information shall be made available to the public by either the commissioner or the THA that reasonably could be expected to reveal the identity of any patient.

And by substituting instead the following:

No information shall be made available to the public by the commissioner that reasonably could be expected to reveal the identity of any patient.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-1-119(d), is amended by deleting the language “, including the THA,”.

SECTION 4. This act shall become effective upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: April 20, 2006**

  
JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

**APPROVED this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May 2006**

  
PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR