

**CHAPTER NO. 701**

**SENATE BILL NO. 3409**

**By Jackson, Herron, Williams, Finney, Kilby**

**Substituted for: House Bill No. 3618**

**By Shepard, Lois DeBerry, Marrero, Ferguson, Litz**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, relative to nursing homes.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-804(c), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision (34):

(34)(A) The nursing home shall carry out the following functions, all of which shall be documented in a written medical equipment management plan:

(1) Develop and maintain a current itemized inventory of medical equipment used in the facility, that is owned or leased by the operator of the facility;

(2) Develop and maintain a schedule for the maintenance, inspection and testing of medical equipment according to manufacturers' recommendations or other generally accepted standards. The schedule shall include the date and time such maintenance, inspection and testing was actually performed, and the name of the individual who performed such tasks; and

(3) Ensure maintenance, inspection and testing were conducted by facility personnel adequately trained in such procedures or by a contractor qualified to perform such procedures.

(B) For purposes of this subdivision only, "medical equipment" means equipment used for the diagnosis, treatment and monitoring of patients, including, but not limited to, oxygen care equipment and oxygen delivery systems, enteral and parenteral feeding pumps, and intravenous pumps.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2006, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: May 10, 2006**

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**APPROVED this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May 2006**

  
PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR