

SENATE BILL 3468

By Stewart

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 50,
Chapter 6, relative to workers' compensation.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-124(e), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

(e) Pursuant to the utilization review conducted by the commissioner, including providing an opportunity for a hearing, any health care provider who is found by the commissioner to have rendered excessive or inappropriate services may be subject to:

- (1) A forfeiture of the right to payment for those services that are found to be excessive or inappropriate;
- (2) A civil penalty of not less than two hundred dollars (\$200) nor more than two thousand dollars (\$2,000); or
- (3) A temporary or permanent suspension of the right to provide medical care services for workers' compensation claims if the health care provider has established a pattern of violations.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010, the public welfare requiring it.