

STATE OF TENNESSEE
PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 36
HOUSE BILL NO. 1877

By Representatives Richardson, Maggart, Pitts

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1214

By Senators Black, Burks, Ford, Woodson, Gresham, Finney, Berke, Marrero,
Stewart

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, relative to hospice care.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-201(5)(E), is amended by deleting the first sentence and by substituting instead the language:

Notwithstanding any other provision of this subdivision (5), any assisted care living facility resident, including residents and new admissions who have qualified for hospice care prior to admission to the assisted care living facility, shall be able to receive hospice care services and continue as a resident of the assisted care living facility as long as the resident's treating physician certifies that hospice care can be appropriately provided at the facility.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-201 (26), is amended by deleting the second sentence in its entirety and substituting instead the following: Hospice services shall be available twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week pursuant to the patient's Hospice plan of care.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: March 26, 2009



KENT WILLIAMS, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 8th day of April 2009



PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR