

SENATE BILL 1491

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56;
Title 63 and Title 68, relative to charges to the
uninsured for certain medical care.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-262, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection to be appropriately designated:

(d) With respect to emergency care, inpatient or outpatient care at a healthcare facility licensed under this chapter and notwithstanding subsection (a), the facility may not charge an uninsured person, whose household income does not exceed two hundred percent (200%) of the federal poverty level guidelines compiled and published by the United States department of labor, more than the most generously discounted rate for a charge that the facility provides to any health insurance entity , as defined in § 56-7-109, with which it contracts.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011, the public welfare requiring it.