

SENATE BILL 1162

By Campfield

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56
and Title 68, relative to medical laboratories.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56, Chapter 7, Part 23, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

56-7-2369.

(a) No health insurance issuer and no managed health insurance issuer may:

(1) Deny any medical laboratory licensed under the Tennessee Medical Laboratory Act, compiled in title 68, chapter 29, the right to participate as a participating provider in any policy, contract, or plan on the same terms and conditions as are offered to any other provider of medical laboratory services under the policy, contract, or plan; or

(2) Prevent any person or health care provider who is a party to or beneficiary of any policy, contract, or plan from selecting a licensed laboratory of the person's or provider's choice to furnish the laboratory services offered under any contract, policy, or plan; provided, that the laboratory is a participating provider under the same terms and conditions of the contract, policy, or plan as those offered any other provider or laboratory services.

(b) As used in this section, "managed health insurance issuer" has the same meaning as defined in § 56-32-128(a).

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013, the public welfare requiring it.