

SENATE BILL 2148

By Harper

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39; Title 40; Title 41; Title 42; Title 43; Title 44; Title 45; Title 46; Title 47; Title 48; Title 49; Title 50; Title 51; Title 52; Title 53 and Title 68, relative to the regulation of drugs.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) and notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the prescribing of oxycontin is unlawful in this state.

(b) Oxycontin may only be prescribed by:

(1) A board-certified oncologist licensed in this state;

(2) An anesthesiologist licensed in this state and who has completed a fellowship in pain management; or

(3) A physician treating an existing patient who is prescribed oxycontin as of the effective date of this act; provided, however, this subdivision (b)(3) shall be deleted one (1) year after the effective date of this act.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016, the public welfare requiring it.