

SENATE BILL 154

By Green

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63,  
relative to pain management or pain medicine  
certification by osteopathic physicians.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-1-301(9)(A)(i), is amended by deleting the language "pain medicine" and substituting the language "pain medicine or pain management".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-1-301(9)(A)(iii), is amended by deleting the language "pain management" and substituting the language "pain medicine or pain management".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-9-121(a), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting the following:

(a) A physician licensed in this chapter may only practice interventional pain management if the licensee is:

(1)

(A) Board certified through the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) or the American Board of Physician Specialties (ABPS)/American Association of Physician Specialists (AAPS) in one (1) of the following medical specialties:

- (i) Anesthesiology;
- (ii) Neuromusculoskeletal medicine;
- (iii) Orthopedic surgery;
- (iv) Physical medicine and rehabilitation; or

(v) Radiology; or

(B) Any other board certified physician who has completed an ABMS subspecialty board in pain medicine or completed an ACGME-accredited pain fellowship;

(2) A recent graduate of a medical specialty listed in subdivision (a)(1) not yet eligible to apply for AOA or ABPS/AAPS specialty certification; provided, that there is a practice relationship with an osteopathic physician who meets the requirements of subdivision (a)(1) or a physician who meets the requirements of § 63-6-244(a)(1);

(3) A licensee who is not board certified in one (1) of the specialties listed in subdivision (a)(1) but is board certified in a different AOA or ABPS/AAPS specialty and has completed a post-graduate training program in interventional pain management approved by the board;

(4) A licensee who serves as a clinical instructor in pain medicine or pain management at an accredited Tennessee medical training program; or

(5) A licensee who has an active pain management or pain medicine practice in a clinic accredited in outpatient interdisciplinary pain rehabilitation by the commission on accreditation of rehabilitation facilities or any successor organization.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017, the public welfare requiring it.