

HOUSE BILL 380

By Lamar

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4;
Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 33; Title 63 and Title
68, relative to asthma.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 60, is amended by deleting the chapter and substituting instead the following:

68-60-101. Duties of department of health.

(a) The department of health shall:

(1) Regularly analyze asthma morbidity and mortality data, periodically assess the burden of asthma on the state's medical and economic resources, and identify the populations most seriously affected by the disease;

(2) Survey factors known to worsen asthma, including allergy-induced asthma, such as cockroach allergens and molds, in order to estimate the relative importance of these factors in this state;

(3) Assess patterns of medical care and population-based health services, and the extent of ongoing local, regional, educational, environmental, and other asthma interventions and related activities;

(4) As part of the state health plan, as defined in § 68-11-1602, develop and maintain measures to track and report asthma development and treatment rates in this state; and

(5) By January 1, 2020, report asthma development and treatment rates within this state on the department's website and to the health committee of the house of representatives and the health and welfare committee of the senate.

(b) The department of health shall use the information gained pursuant to subsection (a) to guide the development of public health programs and asthma policy for this state.

SECTION 2. The heading to a section in this act is for reference purposes only and does not constitute a part of the law enacted by this act. However, the Tennessee Code Commission is requested to include the heading in any compilation or publication containing this act.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect January 1, 2020, the public welfare requiring it.