

SENATE BILL 265

By Roberts

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 15, Part 5 and Title 71, relative to offenses involving elderly adults.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 15, Part 5, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) A person commits an offense who knowingly:

(1) Uses a telephone or other communication or electronic device to obtain from an elderly adult, information concerning the medical condition or health of the elderly adult;

(2) Sends medical supplies, medical equipment, or medicine to the elderly adult even though the items sent are unsolicited or specifically refused; and

(3) The person files a claim or submits a bill with the state Medicare plan for reimbursement of the value of the equipment, supplies, or medicine sent to the elderly adult.

(b) Any person who violates this section must be punished as provided in § 71-5-2601(a)(4).

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019, the public welfare requiring it.