

SENATE BILL 1584

By Powers

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4;
Title 56 and Title 63, relative to dentists.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-1-502(1), is amended by deleting the language "a direct primary care physician and an individual patient" and substituting the language "a direct primary care physician or a direct primary care dentist, and an individual patient".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-1-502(1)(A), is amended by deleting the language "The direct primary care physician agrees" and substituting the language "The direct primary care physician or direct primary care dentist agrees".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-1-502(1)(B), is amended by deleting the language "The direct primary care physician will" and substituting the language "The direct primary care physician or direct primary care dentist will".

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-1-502(1)(E)(vi), is amended by deleting the language "A direct primary care physician who breaches" and substituting the language "A direct primary care physician or direct primary care dentist who breaches".

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-1-502(5), is amended by deleting the language "the direct primary care physician or" and substituting the language "the direct primary care physician or direct primary care dentist or".

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-1-502, is amended by adding the following as new subdivisions:

() "Direct primary care dentist" means an individual or legal entity that is licensed, registered, or otherwise authorized to provide primary care services in this

state under this title, and who chooses to enter into a direct primary care agreement. A direct primary care dentist includes an individual primary care dentist or other legal entity, alone or with others professionally associated with the dentist or other legal entity;

() "Primary care dentist" or "dentist" means a dentist licensed under chapter 5 of this title;

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-1-503(b), is amended by deleting the language "other medical professional licensed under this title, or a healthcare facility" and substituting the language "other medical professional licensed under this title, a dentist, or a healthcare facility".

SECTION 8. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-1-503(b), is amended by deleting the language "other medical professional, or a medical facility" and substituting the language "other medical professional, a dentist, or a medical facility".

SECTION 9. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-1-504(c), is amended by deleting the language "A direct primary care physician or the agent of a direct primary care physician is not required" and substituting the language "A direct primary care physician or direct primary care dentist, or the agent of a direct primary care physician or direct primary care dentist, is not required".

SECTION 10. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-1-504(e)(2), is amended by deleting the language "the direct primary care physician until the month paid" and substituting the language "the direct primary care physician or direct primary care dentist until the month paid".

SECTION 11. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020, the public welfare requiring it.