

SENATE BILL 2640

By Robinson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8;
Title 56 and Title 71, relative to insurance.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56, Chapter 7, Part 23, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Health insurance entity" means an entity subject to the insurance laws of this state, or subject to the jurisdiction of the commissioner, that contracts or offers to contract to provide a health plan;

(2) "Health plan" means health insurance coverage as defined in § 56-7-109; and

(3) "Healthcare professional" means a physician or other healthcare practitioner licensed, registered, accredited, or certified to perform specified healthcare services pursuant to title 63 or title 68 and regulated under the authority of the department of health or any agency, board, council, or committee attached to the department.

(b) A health insurance entity that issues, delivers, executes, amends, or renews a health plan on or after July 1, 2020, shall include in that health plan a special enrollment period that allows the enrollment of a pregnant individual at any time after the commencement of the pregnancy as certified by a healthcare professional acting within the healthcare professional's scope of practice. Coverage must be effective as of the first of the month in which the individual receives certification of the pregnancy by the healthcare professional.

(c) This section applies to any health plan offered by any state or local insurance program, under title 8, chapter 27, or any managed care organization contracting with the state to provide insurance through the TennCare program.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.