

SENATE BILL 2477
By Henry

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 11, to enact the Patient's Privacy Protection Act.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 11, is amended by adding Sections 2 through 5 of this act as a new part.

SECTION 2. The title of this act is and may be cited as the Patient's Privacy Protection Act.

SECTION 3. Every patient entering and receiving care at a health care facility licensed by the board for licensing health care facilities has the expectation of and right to privacy for care received at such facility.

SECTION 4. Except as otherwise provided by law requiring testing or notification to health authorities and others concerning information on communicable diseases, the name or address of a patient shall not be divulged nor sold to any person for any purpose unless specifically authorized in writing by the patient. Any violation of this provision shall be an invasion of the patient's right to privacy.

SECTION 5. The penalties and injunctions available under this chapter shall apply to this act. Civil actions for damages for invasion of privacy shall also be available to a person for violations of this act.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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