

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 886

HOUSE BILL NO. 2677

By Representatives Mike Turner, Maggart

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2888

By Senators Haynes, Marrero, Ford

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, relative to nursing homes.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated. Section 68-11-207(b), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision (7):

(7) Unless the immediate protection of the health, safety or welfare of residents of a nursing home requires otherwise, the commissioner, after ordering a suspension of admissions to a nursing home pursuant to this section, shall provide notice of such suspension as soon as practicable to the members of the senate and house of representatives of the general assembly in whose district the nursing home is located.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-812, is amended by deleting all of the existing language and substituting instead the following:

Section 68-11-812.

(a) Upon finding a violation that is, or may be, the basis of a suspension of admissions, as provided in §68-11-207(b), or that is, or may be, the basis of a civil monetary penalty as set forth in §§68-11-801 - 68-11-805, the department inspector shall orally and in writing advise the nursing home of the findings before concluding the inspection or investigation. Such written notification shall include an acknowledgement of both the findings and the state and or federal penalties that could result from such findings.

(b) As soon as practicable after the department inspector advises the nursing home of finding a violation that is, or may be, the basis of a suspension of admissions, as provided in §68-11-207(b), or that is, or may be, the basis of a civil monetary penalty as set forth in §§68-11-801 - 68-11-805, the commissioner shall provide notice of such apparent violation to the members of the senate and house of representatives of the general assembly in whose district the nursing home is located.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: April 29, 2008



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APPROVED this 8th day of May 2008



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