

STATE OF TENNESSEE  
PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 384  
HOUSE BILL NO. 93

By Representatives Moore, Hardaway

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 277

By Senator Haynes

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-256, relative to background checks for direct care employees.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-256, is amended by deleting subsection (a) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(a) All nursing homes, as defined in § 68-11-201, shall have a criminal background check completed prior to employing any person who will be in a position which involves providing direct care to a resident or patient.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: June 3, 2009**

  
KENT WILLIAMS, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

**APPROVED this 9th day of June 2009**



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PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR