

**PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 766**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1871**

**By Representatives Ramsey, Hardaway**

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 806

By Senators Overbey, Marrero

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 1, relative to dental services.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-1-304(b), is amended by adding the following language at the end of subsection:

The language "to the extent possible within budget limitations" as used in this section does not relieve metropolitan health departments with dental staffs and clinical facilities from occasionally providing emergency services to adult patients who present for relief of pain and infection. Subject to and within current or existing budget limitations, metropolitan health departments are to see adult emergency patients during cancelled or open appointments in their schedule. Nothing in this section precludes the health departments from charging a fee for those services. The commissioner has authority to monitor compliance and may request corrective actions if necessary.

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

**PASSED: April 1, 2010**

  
KENT WILLIAMS, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

**APPROVED this 14th day of April 2010**



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PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR