



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 45

SENATE BILL NO. 379

By Bell, Burks

Substituted for: House Bill No. 397

By Watson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 33, Chapter 6, Parts 4 and 9, relative to the transportation of certain persons to mental health facilities.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 33-6-901, is amended by deleting subsection (b) and substituting instead the following:

(b) When a sheriff or secondary transportation agent is required to transport a person to a hospital or treatment resource for screening, evaluation, diagnosis or hospitalization, the county in which the person is initially transported by the sheriff or secondary transportation agent is responsible for the remainder of such person's transportation requirements. The initial transporting county is responsible for the continuing transportation of the person even if the person is assessed, diagnosed, screened or evaluated in a second county before being admitted to a facility, hospital or treatment resource in a third county. If the person is transported to a hospital or treatment resource by the sheriff or secondary transportation agent of a county other than the initial transporting county, the sheriff or secondary transportation agent actually providing transportation may bill the initial transporting county for transportation costs.

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

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PASSED: March 24, 2011



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 6th day of April 2011



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR