



State of Tennessee
PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 676

SENATE BILL NO. 2764

By Overbey

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2652

By Evans, Dennis

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 57 and Title 68, Chapter 11, relative to endoscopic procedures in ambulatory surgical treatment centers.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-202, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection (f):

(f)(1) In a gastrointestinal endoscopy clinic that is regulated as an ambulatory surgical treatment center which performs endoscopic procedures, the use of an endoscopy technician, without other technicians, to assist a physician performing an endoscopic procedure in the clinic shall be deemed to be sufficient staffing for the procedure.

(2) For the purposes of this subsection, an endoscopy technician is a person who is trained to function in an assistive role in a gastroenterology setting. An endoscopy technician's scope of practice includes:

(A) Assisting in data collection to identify the patient's needs, problems, concerns or human responses;

(B) Assisting, under the direction of the gastroenterology registered nurse and physician, in the implementation of the established plan of care;

(C) Assisting the gastroenterology registered nurse and physician before, during, and after diagnostic and therapeutic procedures;

(D) Providing and maintaining a safe environment for the patient and staff by complying with regulatory agency requirements and standards set forth by professional organizations and employers;

(E) Taking responsibility for personal continuing education;

(F) Having knowledge of practice issues related to the field of gastroenterology;

(G) Compliance with ethical, professional and legal standards inherent in patient care and professional conduct;

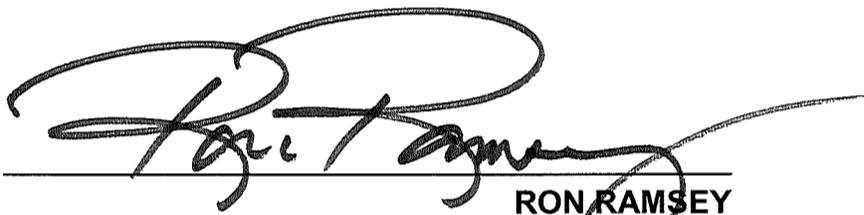
(H) Participating in quality management activities as directed; and

(I) Collaborating within the gastroenterology team and with other healthcare professionals to ensure quality and continuity of care.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: March 19, 2012



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 4th day of April 2012


BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR