



# State of Tennessee

## PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 744

### HOUSE BILL NO. 1545

**By Representatives McCormick, Kevin Brooks, Farmer, Lamberth, Rogers, Weaver, Butt, Dunlap, Windle, Kumar**

**Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2548**

**By Senators Norris, Watson, Kelsey, Ketron, Stevens, Hensley, Roberts**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 5, Part 26, relative to TennCare fraud penalties.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-5-2601(a)(1)(B), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting instead the following:

(B) An offense under subdivision (a)(1)(A) is a Class D felony. In addition to restitution, a person who pleads guilty or nolo contendere or is found guilty of violating this section shall be fined:

- (i) Two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) for the first offense;
- (ii) Five hundred dollars (\$500) for the second offense; and
- (iii) One thousand dollars (\$1,000) for a third or subsequent offense.

(C) The fines authorized under subdivision (a)(1)(B) shall be collected by the county court clerk with five percent (5%) of the fine going to the clerk of the court and the remaining ninety-five percent (95%) of the fine transmitted to the state treasurer on a monthly basis for deposit in the general fund.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-5-2601(a)(5)(D), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting instead the following:

(D) An offense under this subdivision (a)(5) is a Class D felony.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: March 21, 2016

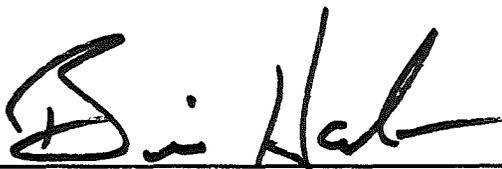


BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 2016



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR