

CHAPTER NO. 796

HOUSE BILL NO. 2367

By Representatives Eckles, Rhinehart, Bowers

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2574

By Senators Womack, Kurita

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-5-190, relative to the TennCare prescription drug utilization review committee.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-5-190, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

71-5-190. (a) In order to provide oversight of prescription drug utilization under the TennCare program, there is hereby created a TennCare prescription drug utilization review committee. The committee shall consist of: one (1) member of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House; one (1) member of the Senate appointed by the Speaker of the Senate; and two (2) pharmacists, two (2) physicians, two (2) representatives of managed care organizations, two (2) representatives of pharmaceutical companies and two (2) consumers, all of whom shall be appointed by the Comptroller of the Treasury. The TennCare bureau shall provide to the committee such information as the committee deems appropriate concerning the prescriptions made to TennCare enrollees who receive more than seven (7) prescriptions. The committee shall review such information and make recommendations to the select oversight committee on TennCare and the TennCare bureau concerning potential drug interactions, abuse of prescription drugs or other appropriate matters.

(b)(1) Non-legislative members of the committee shall serve without compensation, but they shall be entitled to reimbursement for all necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties, in accordance with the comprehensive state travel regulations promulgated by the Commissioner of Finance and Administration and approved by the Attorney General and Reporter.

(2) Legislative members of the committee shall not receive from the state an expense allowance or mileage allowance paid solely in consideration for serving on or attending meetings of the committee; provided, however, that this subdivision shall at no time preclude a legislative member from receiving an expense allowance or mileage allowance otherwise payable to such member in connection with attending the General Assembly.

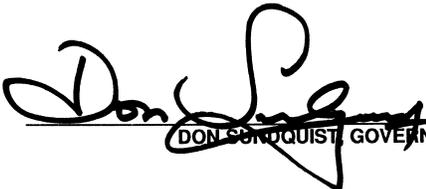
SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 11, 2000


JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES


JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 23rd day of May 2000


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