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CAMPAIGNS & LOBBYING

<u>SB192/HB160</u>	Voting at licensed nursing homes.
Sponsors:	Sen. Robinson, Katrina , Rep. Thompson , Dwayne
Summary:	Specifies that institutions designated for elderly or disabled persons with qualified staff who regularly assess residents that are at least 35 percent frail can use the same voting methods as nursing homes.
Intro Dates:	S: 01/30/19, H: 01/30/19
Senate Status:	02/01/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.
House Status:	02/01/19 - Referred to House Elections & Campaign Finance Subcommittee.
Caption:	AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2 and Title 68, relative to voting at licensed nursing homes.
CRIMINAL LAW	
<u>SB265/HB257</u>	Punishes specific offenses involving elderly adults.
Sponsors:	Sen. Roberts, Kerry , Rep. Littleton, Mary
Summary:	Orders that anyone who knowingly commits an offense against the elderly by using a communication device to obtain medical conditions, sending unsolicited medical supplies, and filing a claim of reimbursement through the state Medicare plan for the value of the supplies sent is punishable with a a Class D felony.
Intro Dates:	S: 01/30/19, H: 01/30/19
Senate Status:	02/01/19 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.
House Status:	02/01/19 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.
Caption:	AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 15, Part 5 and Title 71, relative to offenses involving elderly adults.
<u>SB534/HB799</u>	Offense of financial exploitation of an elderly or vulnerable person.
Sponsors:	Sen. Roberts, Kerry , Rep. Doggett, Clay
Summary:	Broadens the offense of financial exploitation of an elderly or vulnerable person to include the use of a telephone or other electronic or communication device to fraudulently or deceptively obtain or attempt to obtain money, property, or another thing of value from that person. Increases penalty for such offense.
Intro Dates:	S: 02/06/19, H: 02/06/19
Senate Status:	02/07/19 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.
House Status:	02/11/19 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.
Caption:	AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 15, Part 5, relative to certain offenses committed against elderly or vulnerable adults.
<u>SB1039/HB909</u>	Elderly Abuse and Vulnerable Adult Protection Act of 2019.
Sponsors:	Sen. Gardenhire, Todd , Rep. Keisling, Kelly
Summary:	Enacts the "Elderly and Vulnerable Adult Protection Act of 2019," which creates a Class E felony offense of abuse of an elderly adult and creates a Class D felony offense of abuse of a vulnerable adult. Also creates a Class A misdemeanor offense for any person to knowingly sexually exploit an elderly





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adult or vulnerable adult. Revises provisions pertaining to procedure for seeking relief by relative

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	having personal knowledge that an adult has been subject to or threatened with willful abuse, neglect
	or exploitation. (13 pp.)
Intro Dates:	S: 02/07/19, H: 02/06/19
Senate Status:	02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.
House Status:	02/11/19 - Referred to House Criminal Justice Subcommittee.
Caption:	AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39; Title 40 and Title 71, relative to elderly and
	vulnerable adults.

ENVIRONMENT & NATURE

<u>SB1125/HB1127</u>	Report on sealed battery smoke alarms in residential buildings.
Sponsors:	Sen. Briggs, Richard , Rep. Tillis , Rick
Summary:	Requires the state fire marshal to submit a report with the commissioner of commerce and insurance on the benefits of using sealed battery smoke alarms in residential buildings located in this state as compared to the use of standard smoke detectors in such buildings.
Intro Dates:	S: 02/07/19, H: 02/07/19
Senate Status:	02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.
House Status:	02/13/19 - Referred to House Department & Agencies Subcommittee.
Caption:	AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 102; Title 68, Chapter 11 and Title 68, Chapter 120, relative to sealed battery smoke alarms.
FAMILY LAW	
<u>SB711/HB686</u>	Public guardianship for the elderly.
Sponsors:	Sen. Stevens, John , Rep. Kumar, Sabi
Summary:	Allows the executive director of the Tennessee Commission on Aging and Disability to request the district public guardian to serve as a conservator for disabled persons who are younger than sixty (60) years of age if certain criteria are met.
Intro Dates:	S: 02/06/19, H: 02/06/19
Senate Status:	02/07/19 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.
House Status:	02/14/19 - Set for House Children & Families Subcommittee 02/19/19.
Caption:	AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 34-7-104, relative to the district public guardian.

GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION

<u>SB199/HB249</u>	Creates elder abuse task force.
Sponsors:	Sen. Briggs, Richard , Rep. Carr, Dale
Summary:	Creates elder abuse task force charged with examining the current state of financial elder abuse, determining its economic and human impact, and developing recommendations to address problems associated with financial exploitation of the elderly. The task force will consist of 12 members, appointed by the health and financial commissioners, speakers of the legislative houses, district attorney, and TBI, as well as representatives from health and banking associations. The task force will submit its findings and recommendations to the governor and the general assembly no later than January 15, 2021.





February 2019 Intro Dates: S: 01/30/19, H: 01/30/19 Senate Status: 02/01/19 - Referred to Senate Government Operations Committee. House Status: 02/14/19 - Set for House Public Health Subcommittee 02/20/19. AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39; Title 71 and Chapter 961 of the Public Acts Caption: of 2014, relative to elder abuse. SB1323/HB1495 Date state palliative care and quality of life council is scheduled to terminate. Sponsors: Sen. Roberts, Kerry, Rep. Daniel, Martin Summary: Changes, from June 30, 2023 to June 30, 2020, the date on which the state palliative care and quality of life council is scheduled to terminate. S: 02/07/19, H: 02/07/19 Intro Dates: Senate Status: 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Government Operations Committee. House Status: 02/11/19 - Referred to House Government Operations Committee. Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 71, Chapter 2, relative to palliative care. HEALTH CARE SB28/HB37 Creates the Alzheimer's disease and related dementia advisory council. Sen. Crowe, Rusty, Rep. Whitson, Sam Sponsors: Summary: Creates the state Alzheimer's disease and related dementia advisory council and specifies membership of council and terms of members. Specifies that the council is attached to the commission on aging and disability for administrative purposes. Requires the council to develop and submit an Alzheimer's disease state plan to the general assembly that identifies barriers to Alzheimer's disease care, analyzes service utilization data, and includes recommendations, metrics, and best practices to address gaps in service no later than January 15, 2020. Intro Dates: S: 01/18/19, H: 01/18/19 Senate Status: 01/19/19 - Referred to Senate Government Operations Committee. House Status: 01/22/19 - Referred to House Public Health Subcommittee. AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 68, Chapter 11, Part 14 and Title 71, Caption: relative to the creation of the state Alzheimer's disease and related dementia advisory council. SB39/HB222 Release of medical records by healthcare provider. Sen. Massey, Becky, Rep. Faison, Jeremy Sponsors: Summary: Increases from ten working days to 20 working days the amount of time a healthcare provider has to furnish a copy of a patient's medical records to the patient or the patient's personal representative following a written request for the records from the patient or the patient's personal representative. Broadly captioned. S: 01/18/19, H: 01/30/19 Intro Dates: 01/19/19 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee. Senate Status: House Status: 01/31/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk. Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56; Title 63 and Title 68, relative to healthcare providers.

SB486/HB637

Tennessee Medical Cannabis Act.



Sponsors:



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Sen. Bowling, Janice , Rep. Travis, Ron

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Summary:	Authorizes access to medical cannabis on a regulated basis for patients with qualifying medical conditions. Licenses and regulates the processes for cultivation, production, distribution, transport, selling, and acquiring cannabis for medical use and research, with cancer, epilepsy, and HIV/AIDS among the classified qualifying conditions for medical marijuana. Prohibits a person from acquiring, possessing, or using medical cannabis without a valid cannabis card. Specifies that to obtain a medical cannabis card, a patient must be 18 years old, provide proof of residency, complete a written form, pay the \$65 application fee, and submit a document of recommendation from a healthcare professional or provide medical records of the diagnosis. Requires that the department of agriculture and law enforcement have access to all patient registry, and the cards will have an expiration date of two years. Establishes the medical cannabis commission for regulation of cannabis-related health care. Outlines commission role as well as qualifications for members, allowing them to issue cannabis cards by 2020. Requires commission to make information available online and to track seed-to-sale transactions. Declares a maximum of 12 urban omni licenses available in Tennessee, with a maximum of three of these in Knox, Shelby, Hamilton, or Davidson counties. Establishes a maximum of 12 RUVI licenses available in the state and the rules of operation. Defines the process of legalizing medical marijuana in your county by a two-thirds legislative vote, and the taxation of each licensure in the state (29 pp).
Intro Dates:	S: 02/06/19, H: 02/06/19
Senate Status:	02/07/19 - Referred to Senate Judiciary Committee.
House Status:	02/13/19 - Referred to House Mental Health & Substance Abuse Subcommittee.
Caption:	AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 38, Chapter 3; Title 39, Chapter 17; Title 43; Title 50; Title 53; Title 63; Title 67 and Title 68, relative to the "Tennessee Medical Cannabis Act."
<u>SB547/HB672</u>	CONs for home care organizations and satellite emergency departments.
Sponsors:	Sen. Reeves, Shane , Rep. Daniel, Martin
Summary:	Deletes requirement for any home care organization and satellite emergency department facility to apply for and receive a certificate of need.
Intro Dates:	S: 02/06/19, H: 02/06/19
Senate Status:	02/07/19 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.
House Status:	02/11/19 - Referred to House Facilities, Licensure & Regulations Subcommittee.
Caption:	AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 34; Title 42; Title 56; Title 63; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to certificates of need.
<u>SB661/HB841</u>	Reduces time for health facilities to renew their license.
Sponsors:	Sen. Watson, Bo , Rep. Smith, Robin
Summary:	Reduces the amount of time, to 30 days, that a health facility must renew its license following the expiration of such license, and if not renewed within 30 days following expiration, the licensee must reapply for licensure in accordance with the rules established by the board for licensing health care facilities. Broadly captioned.
Intro Dates:	S: 02/06/19, H: 02/06/19
Senate Status:	02/07/19 - Referred to Senate Health & Welfare Committee.
House Status:	02/07/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.
Caption:	AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 33 and Title 68, relative to health.
<u>SB664/HB1317</u>	Relocation of certain nursing home beds.





Government Relations February 2019 Sponsors: Sen. Massey, Becky, Rep. White, Mark Summary: Authorizes an existing licensed nursing home to relocate beds under certain circumstances. S: 02/06/19, H: 02/07/19 Intro Dates: Senate Status: 02/07/19 - Referred to Senate Health & Welfare Committee. 02/13/19 - Referred to House Facilities, Licensure & Regulations Subcommittee. House Status: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 11, Part 16, relative to the relocation Caption: of certain nursing home beds. SB1023/HB1457 Deletion - obsolete health department recommendations. Sponsors: Sen. Reeves, Shane, Rep. Ramsey, Bob Summary: Deletes an obsolete provision for the health department to make certain recommendations by January 10, 2010. Broadly captioned. Intro Dates: S: 02/07/19, H: 02/07/19 Senate Status: 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Health & Welfare Committee. House Status: 02/11/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk. AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68 and Title 71, relative to nursing homes. Caption: Penalty for those without a valid certificate of need. SB1211/HB339 Sponsors: Sen. Crowe, Rusty, Rep. Helton, Esther Increases to \$1,000 from \$500 the maximum amount of civil penalty that may be imposed on a person Summary: who performs, offers to perform, or holds such person out as performing any activity for which a certificate of need is required without first obtaining a valid certificate of need. S: 02/07/19, H: 01/31/19 Intro Dates: 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Health & Welfare Committee. Senate Status: House Status: 02/04/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk. Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63 and Title 68, relative to healthcare providers. SB1291/HB1085 Requirements for Certificates of need. Sen. Pody, Mark, Rep. Daniel, Martin Sponsors: Summary: Eliminates the requirement of a certificate of need for healthcare facilities. Removes references to the certificate of need and terminates the Tennessee Health Services and Development Agency. Broadly captioned. Intro Dates: S: 02/07/19, H: 02/07/19 Senate Status: 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Government Operations Committee. House Status: 02/13/19 - Referred to House Finance, Ways & Means Subcommittee. AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 34; Title 42; Title 56; Title 63; Title 68 Caption: and Title 71, relative to certificates of need. SB1311/HB1470 Exit interviews with home care organizations. Sponsors: Sen. Jackson, Ed , Rep. Chism, Jesse Requires the health department conduct an exit interview with the administrator of a home care Summary: organization after a licensure survey is performed to allow the administrator the opportunity to discuss the department's findings. Broadly captioned. S: 02/07/19, H: 02/07/19 Intro Dates:





Government Relations February 2019 Senate Status: 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Health & Welfare Committee. 02/13/19 - Referred to House Facilities, Licensure & Regulations Subcommittee. House Status: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 33 and Title 68, relative to home care Caption: organizations. SB1390/HB541 Revises certain requirements for obtaining a certificate of need. Sponsors: Sen. Bell, Mike, Rep. Hall, Mark Removes the establishment of a satellite emergency department facility by a hospital at location other Summary: than the hospital's main campus from the requirement to obtain a certificate of need. Removes cardiac catheterization as a healthcare service requiring a certificate of need. S: 02/07/19, H: 02/06/19 Intro Dates: Senate Status: 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee. House Status: 02/11/19 - Referred to House Facilities, Licensure & Regulations Subcommittee. AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 34; Title 42; Title 56; Title 63; Title 68 Caption: and Title 71, relative to certificates of need. **INSURANCE HEALTH** SB1130/HB770 Requirements on medicare supplement policies and certificates.

Sponsors: Sen. Swann, Art , Rep. Hazlewood, Patsy	
Summary:Places various requirements on medicare supplement policies and certificates iss requires the commissioner of commerce and insurance to promulgate rules requirements and other standards for the policies and certificates. Broadly captioned	to enforce such
<i>Intro Dates:</i> S: 02/07/19, H: 02/06/19	
<i>Senate Status:</i> 02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Commerce & Labor Committee.	
<i>House Status:</i> 02/11/19 - Referred to House Life & Health Insurance Subcommittee.	
Caption: AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56, relative to health insurance	2.
PROFESSIONS & LICENSURE	

<u>SB807/HB951</u>	Licensure exemptions - direct care services.
Sponsors:	Sen. Johnson, Jack , Rep. Lamberth, William
Summary:	Exempts from licensure requirements a person providing direct care services at most four people receiving services through consumer direction in a Medicaid home and community-based services program.
Intro Dates:	S: 02/06/19, H: 02/06/19
Senate Status:	02/14/19 - Set for Senate Health & Welfare Committee 02/20/19.
House Status:	02/11/19 - Referred to House Mental Health & Substance Abuse Subcommittee.
Caption:	AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 33-2-402 and Section 33-2-403, relative to the licensure of a person providing direct care for a person with an intellectual or developmental disability through consumer direction.
<u>SB1128/HB1350</u>	Report on nursing training needs.
Sponsors:	Sen. Kyle, Sara , Rep. Deberry Jr., John





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Requires the board of nursing executive director report on workforce needs for nurses in healthcare institutions and facilities and the need for any beneficial changes to the educational training of nurses in order to meet those needs to the health committees of both legislative houses. Broadly captioned.
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02/11/19 - Referred to Senate Health & Welfare Committee.
02/13/19 - Referred to House Facilities, Licensure & Regulations Subcommittee.
AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, relative to nursing.
Grant payments under the grant assistance program for nursing home care.
Sen. Watson, Bo , Rep. Hazlewood, Patsy
Authorizes grant payments under the grant assistance program for nursing home care to be made either monthly or quarterly.
S: 02/06/19, H: 02/06/19
02/07/19 - Referred to Senate Finance, Ways & Means Committee.
02/07/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.
AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3; Title 4; Title 5; Title 6; Title 7; Title 8; Title 9; Title 10; Title 12; Title 13; Title 16; Title 17; Title 18; Title 29; Title 33; Title 36; Title 37; Title 38; Title 39; Title 40; Title 41; Title 42; Title 43; Title 44; Title 45; Title 47; Title 48; Title 49; Title 50; Title 53; Title 54; Title 55; Title 56; Title 57; Title 58; Title 59; Title 60; Title 61; Title 62; Title 63; Title 64; Title 65; Title 66; Title 67; Title 68; Title 69; Title 70 and Title 71, relative to statutory revisions required for implementation of the annual appropriations act.
Property tax freeze program for persons 65 years of age or older.
Sen. Dickerson, Steven , Rep. Jernigan, Darren
Creates real property tax freeze program for persons 65 years of age or older who have lived in their principal residence for 30 years or more when the assessed value of the property increases by 50 percent or more from an established baseline assessed value of the property. Defines "baseline assessed value of the property to mean the assessed value of a residential property based on the periodic reappraisal of the property that occurred immediately preceding the first periodic reappraisal of the property used to establish that the residential property owner was qualified for the tax freeze program.
S: 02/07/19, H: 02/06/19
02/11/19 - Referred to Senate State & Local Government Committee.
02/11/19 - Referred to House Property & Planning Subcommittee.
AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 67, Chapter 5, Part 7, relative to a property tax freeze program for persons 65 years of age or older.
Reporting on annual actuarial study may be done in electronic format.





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Senate Status: 02/07/19 - Referred to Senate Health & Welfare Committee. 02/14/19 - Set for House TennCare Subcommittee 02/20/19.

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Caption:	AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68 and Title 71, relative to complex rehabilitation technology.
<u>SB653/HB1491</u>	Assistance for elderly persons - reporting requirements by department of human services.
Sponsors:	Sen. Robinson, Katrina , Rep. Thompson , Dwayne
Summary:	Makes it a requirement, instead of optional, that the department of human services publish an annual report and interim reports regarding its administration responsibilities under the Old-Age Assistance Law. Broadly captioned.
Intro Dates:	S: 02/06/19, H: 02/07/19
Senate Status:	02/07/19 - Referred to Senate Health & Welfare Committee.
House Status:	02/11/19 - Caption bill held on House clerk's desk.
Caption:	AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 7; Title 65; Title 67; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to assistance for elderly persons.