

Summary of RHAT Related Bills
June 22, 2009



[SB 0364](#) by [*Johnson](#) ([*HB 1096](#) by [*Lynn](#))

Sunset Laws - As introduced, extends department of health, June 30, 2015. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 4, Chapter 3

Senate: Approved 31-0—3/30

House: Approved 95-0—3/30

Signed by Governor—4/9

[*SB 0412](#) by [*Gresham](#) ([HB 0441](#) by [*McDaniel](#))

Tobacco, Tobacco Products - As introduced, clarifies that age-restricted venue exception to no smoking law applies only to patrons entering such facilities. - Amends TCA Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 18.

Senate: Assigned to General Subcommittee of State & Local Government Subcommittee—4/1

House: Assigned to General Subcommittee of Agriculture Committee—3/25

[*SB 0431](#) by [*Bunch](#) ([HB 0537](#) by [*Bell](#))

Tobacco, Tobacco Products - As introduced, requires posting of signs stating that smoking is permitted in establishments, instead of signs stating that smoking is prohibited. - Amends TCA Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 18.

Senate: Referred to Calendar Committee—3/19

House: Scheduled for last Agriculture Subcommittee—4/29

[*SB 0495](#) by [*Burchett](#) ([HB 0014](#) by [*Floyd](#))

Tobacco, Tobacco Products - As introduced, prohibits smoking in certain motor vehicles whenever any minor is present in the vehicle.

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- Amends TCA Title 39, Chapter 17.

Senate: Referred to State & Local Government Committee—2/12
House: Failed for lack of motion in Agriculture General
Subcommittee—4/1

***SB0508 by *Burchett (HB0396 by *Fincher)**

Public Health - As introduced, requires the department of health to develop and implement a program to provide colorectal cancer screenings for uninsured individuals between ages 50 and 64 and for any other uninsured individuals determined to be at high risk for developing colon cancer; requires health insurance companies to cover colorectal cancer screenings. - Amends TCA Title 56 and Title 68.

Senate: Assigned to General Welfare Committee—2/12
House: Deferred in Industrial Impact Subcommittee until 2010—
4/15

Note: Fiscal Note of \$3.7 million

***SB 0645 by *Marrero B (*HB 1728 by *Sontany)**

TennCare - As introduced, seeks to enhance federal funding for TennCare and Coverkids through implementing certain options under 2009 federal Children's Health Insurance Plan legislation. - Amends TCA Title 71.

Senate: Assigned to General Subcommittee of Finance, Ways & Means Committee—5/20

House: Placed Behind the Budget—4/29

Note: Fiscal Note of \$1.1 million

SB 0763 by *Crowe (*HB 0546 by *Kelsey)

TennCare - As introduced, requires the commissioner of finance and administration to seek a new federal waiver or an amendment

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to the TennCare waiver in order to implement a personal health accounts program. - Amends TCA Title 71.

Senate: Assigned to General Welfare Committee—2/18

House: Assigned to Health Care Subcommittee of Health & Human Resources Committee—2/18

Note: Fiscal Note of \$56.5 million

***SB 0779 by *Overbey (HB 1127 by *Lundberg)**

Health Care - As introduced, mandates that a certificate of need granted to an applicant by the health services and development agency include the condition that such applicant provide a specified amount of health services to indigent patients. - Amends TCA Title 4 and Title 68, Chapter 11.

Senate: Assigned to General Subcommittee of General Welfare Committee—4/22

House: Assigned to Health Care Subcommittee of Health & Human Resources Committee—3/11

***SB 0806 by *Overbey (*HB 1871 by *Ramsey)**

Dentists - As introduced, clarifies that duties on health departments that provide certain dental services "to the extent possible within budget limitations" are not relieved of obligation to provide certain services to indigent adult patients. - Amends TCA Title 68, Chapter 1.

Senate: Assigned to General Subcommittee of General Welfare Committee—5/13

House: Re-referred to Professional Occupations Subcommittee—5/19

***SB 0863 by *Black (HB 0163 by *Casada)**

Tobacco, Tobacco Products - As introduced, clarifies that age-

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restricted venue exception to no smoking law applies only to persons entering such facilities other than employees. - Amends TCA Title 39.

Senate: Assigned to Commerce, Labor & Agriculture Committee—2/18

House: Held on clerk's desk as Caption Bill—2/11

***SB 1025 by *Johnson (HB 1072 by *Lynn)**

Sunset Laws - As introduced, extends health equity commission, June 30, 2012. - Amends TCA Title 3, Chapter 15 and Title 4, Chapter 29.

Senate: Approved Senate (32-1)—6/17

House: Approved by House (94-0)—4/16

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***SB 1071 by *MarreroB (HB 0558 by *Kelsey)**

TennCare - As introduced, subject to necessary federal approvals, provides for an optional prenatal care benefit in TennCare with co-payments, free transportation, and a visit schedule. - Amends TCA Title 71.

Senate: Assigned to General Welfare—2/18

House: Taken Off Notice in Health Care Facilities Subcommittee of Health & Human Services Committee—4/29

***SB 1083 by *Harper (*HB 1649 by *Jones)**

Appropriations - As introduced, appropriates \$4 million to the Bureau of TennCare for the sole purpose of funding copay reimbursements for Medicare/Medicaid dual eligible enrollees who utilize emergency medical services.

Senate: Finance Committee—2/18

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House: Deferred to last calendar of Budget Subcommittee of Finance Committee—3/18

Note: Fiscal Note of \$4 million

SB 1092 by *Stanley (*HB 0950 by *Lynn)

Hotels and Restaurants - As introduced, prohibits the commissioner of health, and any county or metropolitan board of health or political subdivision, from enacting an ordinance or issuing any rule or regulation pertaining to the provision of food nutritional information at food service establishments. - Amends TCA Section 68-14-303.

Senate: Approved by Senate (26-3, 1 PNV)—5/11

House: Approved by House (79-12)—6/11

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***SB 1178 by *Barnes (HB 1179 by *Yokley)**

Special License Plates - As introduced, authorizes issuance of colon cancer awareness new specialty earmarked license plates; earmarks 50 percent of funds produced from sale thereof to promote public education and awareness about colon cancer. - Amends TCA Title 55, Chapter 4

Senate: Approved 32-0—3/23

House: Scheduled for Omnibus License Plate Bill of Transportation Committee—4/7

***SB 1215 by *Black (*HB 1962 by *JohnsonP)**

Tobacco, Tobacco Products - As introduced, modifies various provisions within the Prevention of Youth Access to Tobacco Act. - Amends TCA Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 15.

Senate: Assigned to General Subcommittee of Finance, Ways &

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Means Committee—5/13

House: Deferred in General Subcommittee of Agriculture
Committee until 2010—5/5

***SB 1361 by *Johnson (*HB 1999 by *Curtiss)**

TennCare - As introduced, changes limitation on Medicaid reimbursements to physician assistants from not exceeding 60 percent of reimbursements to physicians to not exceeding 70 percent of such reimbursements. - Amends TCA Title 56 and Title 71.

Senate: Assigned to Commerce, Labor & Agriculture Committee—
2/18

House: Held on clerk's desk as a Caption Bill—3/2

***SB 1362 by *Johnson (HB 1998 by *Curtiss)**

TennCare - As introduced, requires providers of medical transportation for TennCare enrollees to be reimbursed by the bureau of TennCare and its MCOs for eligible services at 80 percent of current Medicare reimbursement. - Amends TCA Title 71, Chapter 5.

Senate: Assigned to General Subcommittee in Finance, Ways &
Means Committee—6/18

House: Taken Off Notice in Budget Subcommittee—6/17

Note: Fiscal Note of \$28 million

***SB 1506 by *Burchett (HB 1511 by *Todd)**

Safety - As introduced, exempts persons 21 years of age and older from requirement that persons riding a motorcycle must wear a helmet. - Amends TCA Section 55-9-302.

Senate: Referred to Transportation Committee—2/18

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House: Defeated for lack of second in Public Safety Subcommittee of Transportation Committee—3/24

***SB 1522 by *Burchett (*HB 1650 by *Armstrong)**

Public Health - As introduced, adds providing advice to the commissioner of finance and administration concerning the state health plan to the duties of the health equity commission. - Amends TCA Title 3, Chapter 15, Part 4.

Senate: Approved by Senate (29-0)—6/17

House: Approved by House (97-0)—5/26

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***SB 1550 by *Burchett (HB 0727 by *Hensley)**

Tobacco, Tobacco Products - As introduced, enacts the "Tennessee Protection from Secondhand Smoke for Children Act."

Senate: Assigned to General Subcommittee of Transportation Committee—4/1

House: Taken Off Notice in Agriculture Subcommittee—4/1

SB 1774 by *Herron (*HB 0836 by *Moore)

Education, Curriculum - As introduced, rewrites requirement that LEAs must integrate minimum of 90 minutes physical activity per week to require LEAs to integrate 30 minutes of physical activity per school day for elementary and secondary school students. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 6.

Senate: Assigned to General Subcommittee of Education Committee—4/28

House: Referred to Department of Education by K-12 Subcommittee of Education Committee—4/1

***SB 1787 by *Herron (HB 0220 by *Fincher)**

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TennCare - As introduced, subject to restrictions in federal law, prohibits the bureau of TennCare from disenrolling persons for fiscal or other reasons until the bureau has verified the social security numbers of all enrollees and purged all persons ineligible due to issues of fraud or lack of lawful US residence. - Amends TCA Title 71.

Senate: Approved by the Senate (28-0)—6/3

House: Approved by the House (92-0)—5/11

Signed by the Governor—6/12

***SB 1788 by *Herron (HB 0219 by *Fincher)**

TennCare - As introduced, requires the department of health to notify each member of the general assembly of any proposed TennCare program changes that will affect services currently provided to TennCare enrollees. - Amends TCA Title 3 and Title 71.

Senate: Assigned to General Subcommittee of General Welfare Committee—5/13

House: Approved by the House (93-0)—5/11

***SB 1799 by *Herron (HB 0017 by *Swafford)**

Tobacco, Tobacco Products - As introduced, removes exception for age-restricted venues from Non-Smoker Protection Act; revises posting requirements to require "no smoking" signs at only the main entrance. - Amends TCA Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 18

Senate: Assigned to Commerce, Labor & Agriculture Committee—2/18

House: Assigned to General Subcommittee of Agriculture Committee—3/25

***SB 1867 by *Kyle (HB 1951 by *CobbT)**

State Employees - As introduced, authorizes departments and

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agencies to elect to participate in a smoking cessation program for employees, including payment of one round of medication, within available funding; requires commissioner of health to provide uniform guidelines for such program. - Amends TCA Title 8 and Title 68.

Senate: Assigned to State & Local Government Committee—2/18

House: Taken Off Notice in State Government Subcommittee in State and Local Government Committee—3/25

Note: Fiscal Note of \$3.6 million

***SB 1927 by *Ketron (HB 1441 by *Harwell)**

Education - As introduced, requires every public school student to participate in physical education every day during the school year. - Amends TCA Title 49, Chapter 6.

Senate: Assigned to General Subcommittee of Education Committee—4/21

House: Deferred by K-12 Subcommittee to Department of Education—4/8

Note: Fiscal Note to Local Government of \$65.5 million

***SB 1936 by *Southerland (HB 2379 by *Hawk)**

Education, Curriculum - As introduced, requires use of Comprehensive Health Education Curriculum by LEAs. - Amends TCA Title 49.

Senate: Assigned to General Subcommittee of Education Committee—2/27

House: Referred to Delayed Bill Committee—3/5

SB 2264 by *Kyle (*HB 2270 by *Armstrong)

Health Care - As introduced, makes all schools, instead of just high schools, eligible for grants from the Tennessee center for diabetes

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prevention and health improvement. - Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 40, Part 4.

Senate: Passed by Senate (31-0)—4/23

House: Passed House (97-0)—4/6

Signed by Governor—5/7; Public Chapter 187

SB 2314 by *Kyle (*HB 2319 by *Turner M)

Food and Food Products - As introduced, enacts the "Tennessee Healthful Menu Act." - Amends TCA Title 68, Chapter 14 and Title 53, Chapter 8.

Senate: Assigned to General Subcommittee of General Welfare Committee—5/13

House: Referred to Summer Study committee by Public Health Subcommittee of Health & Human Resources Committee—5/5