

Tennessee Senate

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 263

SENATE BILL NO. 882

By Reeves

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1141

By Boyd, Hale, Eldridge

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, relative to the health facilities commission.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-203(b)(1)(F)(iii), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting:

- (iii) One (1) representative of the assisted-care living facility industry who may be appointed from lists of qualified persons submitted by interested groups, including the Tennessee Center for Assisted Living, LeadingAge Tennessee, and Argentum; and
- SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-210, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:
 - (g)(1) No later than January 1, 2027, the commission shall ensure the date of the most recent inspection for each nursing home licensed under this part is no more than fifteen (15) months prior to December 31, 2026.
 - (2) No later than June 1, 2025, the commission shall submit a report to the chief clerk of each house of the general assembly on how the commission will comply with the timeliness of the inspections as required by subdivision (g)(1).

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 11, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

- (a) The commission shall negotiate with the federal centers for medicare and medicaid services to secure the procedural flexibility the commission deems necessary to effectively and efficiently regulate the commission, including securing a block grant waiver amendment pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1395aa.
- (b) On or before January 31, 2026, the commission shall submit a report on the progress of the negotiations described in subsection (a) to the speaker of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the chair of the senate health and welfare committee, and the chair of the committee in the house of representatives with subject matter jurisdiction over health-related matters.

SECTION 4. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED:	April 10, 2025	
	13-	RANDY MCNALLY SPEAKER OF THE SENATE
		CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
APPROVED th	is <u>34^{tL}</u> day of	April 2025
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BILL LEE, GOVERNOR