



**SENATE BILL 1369**

By Watson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4;  
Title 33; Title 68; Title 71 and Chapter 985 of the  
Public Acts of 2024, relative to certificates of need.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 985 of the Public Acts of 2024, is amended by deleting SECTION 22 and substituting:

SECTION 22. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-1602(10)(B), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

( ) An acute care hospital;

SECTION 23. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-1602, is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

( ) "Acute care hospital" means a hospital with a primary focus on patients with an average length of stay of twenty-five (25) days or less;

SECTION 24. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-1607, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

( ) This part does not require a certificate of need to establish or operate an acute care hospital.

SECTION 25. For the purpose of promulgating rules, this act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes:

(1) Sections 11 and 18-21 take effect July 1, 2024, the public welfare requiring it;

(2) Sections 1 and 2 take effect July 1, 2025, the public welfare requiring it;

(3) Sections 3-8 take effect December 1, 2025, the public welfare requiring it;

(4) Sections 9, 10, and 12-15 take effect December 1, 2027, the public welfare requiring it;

(5) Sections 16 and 17 take effect December 1, 2029, the public welfare requiring it; and

(6) Sections 22-24 take effect July 1, 2028, the public welfare requiring it.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

Amendment No. 1 to SB1369

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Signature of Sponsor

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**House Bill No. 819\***

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-1602(10)(B), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

( ) An acute care hospital;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-1602, is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

( ) "Acute care hospital" means a hospital with a primary focus on patients with an average length of stay of twenty-five (25) days or less;

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-1607, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

( ) This part does not require a certificate of need to establish or operate an acute care hospital.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-204(a)(1), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

( ) Acute care hospital;

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-202(a)(1), is amended by adding "acute care hospitals," immediately preceding "recuperation centers".

SECTION 6. For the purpose of promulgating rules, this act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act takes effect July 1, 2030, the public welfare requiring it.

Amendment No. 2 to SB1369

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Signature of Sponsor

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by inserting the following as new, appropriately designated sections immediately preceding the effective date section, and redesignating the effective date section accordingly:

SECTION \_\_. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-1602(10)(B), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

( ) A satellite emergency department;

SECTION \_\_. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-1607(a)(6), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting:

(6) Except as provided in subsection (x), the establishment of a satellite inpatient facility by a hospital at a location other than the hospital's main campus.

SECTION \_\_. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-1607(x)(1), is amended by deleting "and subject to subdivision (x)(3),".

SECTION \_\_. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-1607(x)(3), is amended by deleting the subdivision.

SECTION \_\_. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-1607(y), is amended by deleting the subsection.

SECTION \_\_. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-204(a)(1), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

( ) Satellite emergency department;

SECTION \_\_. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-204, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

( ) A person or entity shall not establish or operate a satellite emergency department unless the satellite emergency department is licensed as an outpatient department of a hospital licensed under this title.

SECTION \_\_. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-205(g)(1)(A)(iii), is amended by deleting the subdivision.

SECTION \_\_. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-202(a)(1), is amended by adding "satellite emergency departments," immediately preceding "recuperation centers".

Amendment No. 3 to SB1369

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Signature of Sponsor

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by inserting the following as new, appropriately designated sections immediately preceding the effective date section, and redesignating the effective date section accordingly:

SECTION \_\_. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-1602(10)(B), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

( ) An agency, institution, facility, or place, whether publicly or privately owned or operated, that provides cardiac catheterization;

SECTION \_\_. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-1607(a)(3)(E), is amended by deleting the subdivision.

SECTION \_\_. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-204(a)(1), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

( ) Cardiac catheterization;

SECTION \_\_. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-204, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

( )

(1) A person or entity shall not initiate or provide cardiac catheterization services unless the facility providing such services is licensed as an outpatient department of a hospital licensed under this title.

(2) Subdivision ( ) (1) does not apply to a facility providing cardiac catheterization services that was in operation as of the effective date of this act.

SECTION \_\_. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-202(a)(1), is amended by adding "cardiac catheterizations," immediately preceding "recuperation centers".