State of Tennessee
PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 717

SENATE BILL NO. 2311

By Bell

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2526

By Cobb, Shipley, Rich

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 29 and Title 68, Chapter 29, Part 1, relative to the Tennessee medical laboratory board.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-29-232(a), is amended by deleting subdivision (68) in its entirety.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-29-237(a), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

( ) Tennessee medical laboratory board, created by § 68-29-109;

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-29-109, is amended by deleting subsection (d) in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(d) The members of the board may be selected from lists of qualified persons submitted to the governor from interested medical groups including, but not limited to, the professional organizations as provided in this subsection.

(1) The following organizations and other interested medical groups, excluding those listed in subdivisions (3)(A) – (E), may submit names for each appointment in the categories listed:

(A) Tennessee Medical Association, in consultation with the Tennessee Society of Pathologists, giving due regard to geographic distribution – pathologist members;

(B) Tennessee Medical Association – non-pathologist physician member; and

(C) Tennessee Hospital Association – hospital administrator member and hospital laboratory manager/administrative director member.

(2) All interested medical groups including, but not limited to, the organizations listed in this subsection (d) may submit names for the independent laboratory representative.

(3) The following organizations and other interested medical groups, excluding those associations listed in subdivisions (1)(A) – (C) may submit names for each appointment of members listed in subsection (b), with the exception of the pathologists, non-pathologist physician, and hospital administrator:

(A) Tennessee Society for Medical Technology;

(B) Tennessee State Society of American Medical Technologists;

(C) Tennessee chapter – Clinical Laboratory Management Association;

(D) Tennessee Association of Blood Banks; and

(E) Tennessee chapter – Southern Association for Clinical Microbiology.

(4) Lists of qualified persons shall be submitted at least forty-five (45) days prior to the expiration of the term of office of any member.

(5) The governor shall consult with interested medical groups including, but not limited to, the organizations as provided in this subsection, to determine qualified persons to fill the positions.

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

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PASSED: March 26, 2012

RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

BETH HARWELL, *SPEAKER*
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 11th **day of** April **2012**

BILL HASLAM, *GOVERNOR*