

VET 2012

Agriculture - 1

SB2184 / HB2597 Aggravated cruelty to livestock.

Category Agriculture
Sponsors Sen. Douglas Henry Jr. / Rep. Gary Odom
Description Creates Class E felony of aggravated cruelty to livestock, which is defined as engaging in depraved and sadistic cruelty resulting in serious bodily injury or death to the animal. Requires that conduct is without justifiable or lawful purpose.
Senate Status 01/13/2012 - Referred to Senate Judiciary.
House Status 01/19/2012 - Introduced in the House.
Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 14, Part 2, to create the Class E felony offense of aggravated cruelty to livestock and to establish the elements of, penalties for and exclusions to such offense

Animals & Animal Husbandry - 1

HB2712 Branding of livestock mandatory.

Category Animals & Animal Husbandry
Sponsors Rep. Mike Turner
Description State Summary: As introduced, makes branding of livestock mandatory; requires facilities to obtain written permission of brand holder prior to processing or selling livestock. - Amends TCA Title 44, Chapter 7.
Senate Status None
House Status None
Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 44, Chapter 7, relative to the branding of livestock.

Criminal Law - 5

SB2408 / HB2570 Failure to report info to controlled substance database.

Category Criminal Law
Sponsors Sen. Randy McNally / Rep. Bill Dunn
Description Creates a Class C misdemeanor for the willful failure to report information to the controlled substance database. Establishes a Class B misdemeanor for the second offense and a Class A misdemeanor for every subsequent offense
Senate Status 01/18/2012 - Referred to Senate Judiciary.
House Status None
Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 53-10-307, relative to the Controlled Substance Monitoring Act of 2002.

HB2701 Prescription for immediate precursor of methamphetamine.

Category Criminal Law
Sponsors Rep. Mike Turner
Description State Summary: As introduced, requires a prescription issued by a physician in order to obtain products with immediate precursor of methamphetamine from a pharmacy. - Amends TCA Title 38; Title 39; Title 40 and Title 63.
Senate Status None
House Status None
Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38; Title 39; Title 40 and Title 63, relative to immediate methamphetamine precursor.

SB2172 / HB2218 Controlled substance analogues prohibited.

Category Criminal Law
Sponsors Sen. Mae Beavers / Rep. Tony Shipley
Description Prohibits the manufacture, delivery, dispensing, selling, or possession of controlled substance analogues that have substantially similar chemical structure as a controlled substance or that have an hallucinogenic effect that is similar to that of a controlled substance. Punishes the offense the same as the controlled substance to which the controlled substances analogues is similar to. which it is similar - Amends TCA Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 4.
Senate Status 01/19/2012 - Set for Senate Judiciary Committee 01/24/12.
House Status 01/10/2012 - Introduced in the House.
Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 4, relative to controlled substance analogues.

SB2230 / HB2368 Provisions governing scheduling of controlled substances.

Category Criminal Law
Sponsors Sen. Mark S. Norris / Rep. Gerald McCormick
Description State Summary: As introduced, rewrites the provisions governing the scheduling of controlled substances. - Amends TCA Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 4. (Part of Administration Package 2012)
Senate Status 01/13/2012 - Referred to Senate Judiciary.
House Status None
Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 4, relative to the scheduling of controlled substances.

SB2235 / HB2373 Sale and purchase of immediate methamphetamine precursor.

Category Criminal Law
Sponsors Sen. Mark S. Norris / Rep. Gerald McCormick
Description State Summary: As introduced, rewrites certain provisions regarding the sale and purchase of an immediate methamphetamine precursor. - Amends TCA Section 39-17-431. (Part of Administration Package 2012)
Senate Status 01/13/2012 - Referred to Senate Judiciary.
House Status None
Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-431, relative to criminal offenses.

Environment & Nature - 1

SB2249 / HB2387 Reorganization of governmental agencies and other entities.

Category Environment & Nature
Sponsors Sen. Mark S. Norris / Rep. Gerald McCormick
Description Revises various provisions governing the structure of certain state agencies, committees, boards and commissions. Decreases from 17 to 12 the size of the board of directors for the Duck River Development Agency. Authorizes the commissioner of environment and conservation to appoint an executive director to carry out the purposes of the Tennessee Heritage Conservation Trust Fund Act of 2005. (Part of Administration Package 2012)
Senate Status 01/13/2012 - Referred to Senate Government Operations.
House Status 01/12/2012 - Introduced in the House
Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 11; Title 16; Title 37; Title 38; Title 41; Title 49; Title 60; Title 62; Title 63; Title 64; Title 68; Title 69 and Title 71, relative to the restructuring of state agencies, committees, and boards and commissions.

Health Care - 5

HB2567 Tamper-resistance technology extended to opioid analgesics.

Category Health Care
Sponsors Rep. Glen Casada
Description State Summary: As introduced, requires pharmacists to provide certain prescribed opioid analgesic drugs that incorporate tamper resistance technology. - Amends TCA Title 53.

Senate Status *None*

House Status *None*

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 53, relative to opioid analgesic drugs.

SB2407 / HB2569 Doctor shopping laws expanded.

Category Health Care

Sponsors Sen. Randy McNally / Rep. Bill Dunn

Description State Summary: As introduced, expands responsibility to report under "doctor shopping" laws; permits hospitals access to database for certain purposes and immunizes them from liability; requires photo identification for persons picking up prescriptions; allows federal law enforcement to access database without warrant; requires real-time access for law enforcement and pharmacists; requires pain clinics to be owned by Tennessee doctors or hospitals; penalizes interference with pharmacists' decisions to fill prescriptions; requires methadone clinics to query database. - Amends TCA Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 4; Title 53, Chapter 10, Part 3; Title 53, Chapter 11, Part 3; Section 53-11-402; Title 63, Chapter 1, Part 3; Title 63, Chapter 10, Part 2 and Title 71, Chapter 5, Part 26.

Senate Status 01/18/2012 - Referred to Senate Judiciary.

House Status *None*

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 4; Title 53, Chapter 10, Part 3; Title 53, Chapter 11, Part 3; Section 53-11-402; Title 63, Chapter 1, Part 3; Title 63, Chapter 10, Part 2 and Title 71, Chapter 5, Part 26, relative to the monitoring and reporting of persons obtaining or attempting to obtain controlled substances.

SB2414 / HB2574 Requires suspension of doctor with federal drug indictment.

Category Health Care

Sponsors Sen. Randy McNally / Rep. Bill Dunn

Description State Summary: As introduced, permits the commissioner of health or certain licensing boards to suspend on an emergency basis the license of a practitioner who is under state or federal indictment involving the sale or dispensing of controlled substances. - Amends TCA Title 63.

Senate Status 01/18/2012 - Referred to Senate Health & Welfare Committee.

House Status *None*

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, relative to suspension of certain licenses.

SB2531 Check of controlled substances database before prescribing.

Category Health Care

Sponsors Sen. Ken Yager

Description State Summary: As introduced, requires health care practitioners who are authorized to prescribe controlled substances to query the controlled substance database concerning the prescription history of certain persons and to make appropriate reports. - Amends TCA Title 53 and Title 63.

Senate Status 01/19/2012 - Introduced in the Senate 01/19/2012

House Status *None*

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 53 and Title 63, relative to the controlled substances database.

SB2253 / HB2391 TN Prescription Safety Act of 2012.

Category Health Care

Sponsors Sen. Mark S. Norris / Rep. Gerald McCormick

Description State Summary: As introduced, enacts the "Tennessee Prescription Safety Act of 2012." - Amends TCA Title 53, Chapter 10, Part 3; Title 53, Chapter 11, Part 3; Title 53, Chapter 11, Part 4 and Title 63, Chapter 1, Part 3. (Part of Administration Package 2012)

Senate Status 01/13/2012 - Referred to Senate Judiciary.

House Status *None*

Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 53, Chapter 10, Part 3; Title 53, Chapter 11, Part 3; Title 53, Chapter 11, Part 4 and Title 63, Chapter 1, Part 3, relative to controlled substance database, criminal penalties and enforcement of narcotic drugs and drug control.

Judiciary - 1

SB2140 / HB2809 Express language required to create statutory duty or action

Category Judiciary
Sponsors Sen. Brian K. Kelsey / Rep. Vance Dennis
Description Provides that no statutory private right of action or affirmative duty of care is created unless a statute contains express language creating the right or duty. Prohibits state courts, licensing boards and administrative agencies from interpreting actions or affirmative duties to exist without such express language unless based in common law and no other controlling statute exists.
Senate Status 01/12/2012 - Referred to Senate Judiciary.
House Status 01/20/2012 - House companion bill introduced. (H: Dennis)
Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 1, Chapter 3, Part 1, relative to the construction of certain statutes.

Professions & Licensure - 1

SB2419 / HB2573 Federal drug indictment - emergency suspension of doctor.

Category Professions & Licensure
Sponsors Sen. Randy McNally / Rep. Bill Dunn
Description State Summary: As introduced, permits the commissioner of health or certain licensing boards to suspend on an emergency basis the license of a practitioner who is under any state or federal indictment involving controlled substances. - Amends TCA Title 63.
Senate Status 01/18/2012 - Referred to Senate Health & Welfare Committee.
House Status None
Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, relative to suspension of certain licenses.

Taxes Sales - 1

SB2621 / HB2660 Exempts farm gates from sales and use taxes.

Category Taxes Sales
Sponsors Sen. Rusty Crowe / Rep. Matthew Hill
Description State Summary: As introduced, exempts farm gates from sales and use taxes. - Amends TCA Title 67, Chapter 6.
Senate Status 01/19/2012 - Introduced in the Senate 01/19/2012
House Status None
Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 67, Chapter 6, relative to farm equipment and machinery.

Tort Liability - 3

SB2609 / HB2684 Unauthorized use of physician DEA registration number.

Category Tort Liability
Sponsors Sen. Charlotte Burks / Rep. Ryan Williams
Description State Summary: As introduced, provides immunity to medical doctor or osteopathic physician who makes a report to law enforcement regarding an employee's unauthorized use of the doctor or physician's DEA registration number to write prescriptions. - Amends TCA Title 63, Chapter 9 and Title 63, Chapter 6.
Senate Status 01/19/2012 - Introduced in the Senate 01/19/2012
House Status None
Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 9 and Title 63, Chapter 6, relative to the reporting of unauthorized acts or criminal offenses within a medical practice.

SB2141 / HB2810 Limits joint & several liability in comparative fault cases.

Category Tort Liability
Sponsors Sen. Brian K. Kelsey / Rep. Vance Dennis
Description Bars the use of joint and several liability for allocating damages in cases where separate, independent acts of more than one tortfeasor cause an indivisible injury or cases in which the injury caused by the original tortfeasor is enhanced by a third party rendering aid. Provides that joint and several liability will remain in effect in cases involving the family purpose doctrine. Requires the trier of fact to consider all parties who contributed to the alleged injury or property damage when assessing percentages of fault, including non-parties and parties immune from suit. Provides that in cases governed by worker's compensation law a party immune from suit may not be considered by the trier of fact in allocating fault.
Senate Status 01/12/2012 - Referred to Senate Judiciary.
House Status 01/20/2012 - House companion bill introduced. (H: Dennis)
Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 20, Chapter 6, Part 1 and Title 29, Chapter 11, Part 1, relative to the doctrine of joint and several liability.

SB2120 / HB2161 Change to the "Tennessee Civil Justice Act of 2011."

Category Tort Liability
Sponsors Sen. Brian K. Kelsey / Rep. Vance Dennis
Description Specifies that the limitations on the amount of noneconomic damages, and punitive damages imposed the "Tennessee Civil Justice Act of 2011" would not apply when the defendant's act or omission results in the defendant being convicted of a felony under the laws of any state or under federal law, and that act or omission caused the damages or injuries.
Senate Status 01/12/2012 - Referred to Senate Judiciary.
House Status 01/19/2012 - Set for House General Subcommittee of Judiciary 01/25/12.
Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 20; Title 27; Title 29 and Title 47, relative to the civil justice system.

Transportation Vehicles - 1

SB2269 / HB2615 New specialty earmarked license plate.

Category Transportation Vehicles
Sponsors Sen. Jim Tracy / Rep. Steve McDaniel
Description Changes classification of the Tennessee Walking Horse cultural license plate to a new specialty earmarked license plate. Also changes the distribution of revenue from 80 percent to the arts and 20 percent to the highway fund to 50 percent to the TN Walking Horse Breeders' and Exhibitors' Association, 40 percent to the arts and 10 percent to the highway fund.
Senate Status 01/13/2012 - Referred to Senate Transportation & Safety Committee.
House Status 01/19/2012 - Introduced in the House.
Caption AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, to authorize the issuance of a Tennessee Walking Horse new specialty earmarked license plate.
