

New laws take effect

NASHVILLE (AP) — Requirements aimed at curbing Tennessee’s opioid epidemic are among more than 150 new laws that kicked in Sunday.

Many laws take effect July 1 each year, when a new state budget year begins.

Some of the highest profile ones this time around are part of Republican Gov. Bill Haslam’s “TN Together” opioid plan.

Tennessee will begin limiting initial opioid prescriptions to a three-day supply, with exceptions for major surgical procedures, cancer and hospice treatment, sickle cell disease and treatment in certain licensed facilities.

With the three-day initial supply restriction, Haslam’s office says, “Tennessee will have one of the most strict and aggressive opioid policies in the nation.”

The Tennessee Medical Association, the state’s doctor lobbying group, has said it’s still concerned about unintended consequences for patients who may have more difficulty accessing effective pain management because of the law.

Among other components, the opioid laws will offer incentives to get offend-

ers to complete substance use treatment programs in prison and make it a second degree murder charge to deal fentanyl and similar dangerous substances when it causes a death.

The \$37.5 billion state budget includes \$16 million-plus in new opioid services money, \$30.2 million more for school safety in response to nationwide school shootings and \$3 million to help school districts equip new buses with seatbelts.

Some other laws that take effect Sunday will:

- Offer a three-year pilot program funded with \$1 million annually to help rural hospitals develop business plans
- Remove a sunset provision on a 2017 law allowing epilepsy patients and their families to buy cannabidiol from other states as prescribed by a doctor
- Let pharmacists dispense prescription drugs for up to 20 days to a patient displaced by a declared disaster
- Let people show their vehicle registration in electronic form when pulled over, including on cell-phones

- Let all students who have a medical condition that prevents them from attending regular classes attend home-bound instruction, instead of only pregnant students
- Remove an assessment requirement for teachers licensed in other states with reciprocity if they exceed expectations on their evaluations in their first two years in Tennessee
- Require regular checks to identify sexual predators for those who work with children
- Let the state Board of Education reprimand school directors for not reporting misconduct
- Require higher education institution boards to give 15 days public notice before a meeting to adopt tuition and fee increases to allow for public comment; require disclosure of amount of increase, rationale and steps taken to control it; require a student’s acceptance letter to project how much tuition and fees will cost over four years
- Protect residential information of county corrections officers from public disclosure
- Remove licensing requirement and require

certain training, examination and liability insurance to be a “certified animal massage therapist” or “registered animal massage therapist”

- Make it a Class A misdemeanor to impersonate a veteran or fraudulently representing a veteran’s service to get money, property, services or other benefits
- Make a judge issue a “no contact order” if a court finds probable cause that an alleged perpetrator caused serious bodily injury or used or displayed a weapon to a domestic violence victim; makes “no contact order” a mandatory condition of the perpetrator’s bond, in addition to restraining orders
- Expand list of juvenile offenses eligible for removal from a record to include prostitution and aggravated prostitution convictions if they resulted from human trafficking
- Create exception to hearsay rule in criminal proceedings for non-testimonial statements by children under 12 years old relative to sexual and physical abuse; judge decides whether they are used in court

Minimum qualifications for city administrator has received changes

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(McMinnville, Tennessee)

It appears McMinnville officials are united in a decision to allow Bill Brock a chance to retain the job as city administrator permanently.

No opposition and no comments were made when the Board of Mayor and Alderman met to consider an ordinance to amend city code as it pertains to the city administrator position. The measure passed 6-0. Vice Mayor Ben Newman was absent.

The following change is being made:

Remove, “Minimum qualifications shall include a college degree, and training or experience in municipal management or business administration” and place “Minimum qualifications shall include a

college degree in business administration, or a college degree in municipal administration, or experience or training in municipal management, or training or experience in business administration.”

Changing the job description is an attempt to allow Brock, who has been interim city administrator for four years, to apply for the job when the search for a permanent replacement begins. He does not meet the minimal qualification of a college degree as required in the existing description.

Officials voted June 12 to make that change. However, due to public notice requirements, that initial vote cannot be used as the measure’s first reading.

The board’s next regular session is July 10.

Political forums

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On Tuesday night, candidates for 4th District Congress will be on the schedule. They will join candidates for Warren County Sheriff – Billy Joe Crouch, Bobby Edwards, Marc Martin, John Morgan, Tommy Myers

and Rodney Whiles.

Each of these candidates will be given time for an introduction then asked general questions pertaining to either federal government or local law enforcement from moderators.

Anyone who would like to submit a general

question for the *Standard* to consider can do so by email at editor@south-ernstandard.com.

Also on the schedule Tuesday night are candidates for Trustee, Circuit Court Clerk, and Register of Deeds.

These candidates will be given a chance to

speak but will not be asked questions.

On Thursday night, all candidates running for Warren County Commission are invited to attend and they will be given three minutes to speak.

Candidates will not be asked questions.

Policy for revoked licenses to change

NASHVILLE (AP) — Tennessee officials can’t keep revoking the driver’s licenses of people who can’t pay off their court debts, a federal judge wrote Monday in a decision that could have wider implications for similar policies in dozens of other states.

U.S. District Judge Aleta Trauger in Nashville wrote that revocations

imposed under state law when a driver hasn’t paid court debt for a year or more violate constitutional due process and equal protection rights and are “powerfully counterproductive.”

Similar suspensions are allowed in more than 40 states. Lawsuits challenging them have been filed in at least five states over the past two years, con-

tending the punishments unfairly target poor people. The Tennessee class action case was brought on behalf of two indigent men affected by the law, James Thomas and David Hixson.

“If a person has no resources to pay a debt, he cannot be threatened or cajoled into paying it; he may, however, become able to pay it in the

future,” the judge wrote. “But taking his driver’s license away sabotages that prospect.”

Since the Tennessee law went into effect in 2012, only 7 percent of people who lost their licenses because of unpaid fines have been able to get them back, the group’s lawsuit said. Tennessee revoked 146,211 driver’s licenses from July 2012 to June 2016 under state law for failure to pay court debts, and only 10,750 licenses were reinstated, the ruling says.

The National Center for Law and Economic Justice, which helped lead the lawsuit, said the ruling will improve the lives of people who can’t afford court debts.

“We just think this is going to have a tremendous impact on low-income people in Tennessee because so many people have been shut out of their driver’s licenses, and with that, the ability to work, to take care of their families, to visit their doctors, even to run simple errands like grocery shopping,” said Claudia Wilner, senior attorney for the National Center for Law and Economic Justice. “Now, people are going to be able to do all these things without fear of criminal consequences for driving on a revoked license.”

Rebecca S. Wood, 79

Rebecca S. Wood, 79, a Warren County resident and native, was born April 8, 1939 and died July 1 at her residence following a brief illness.

She was a retired employee of Carrier Corporation and member of the Church of Christ. Ms. Wood was a former President of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary Post 5064. She was preceded in death by special aunt, Mabelle “Pickle” Rascoe, and mother Maggie Hennessee.

Survivors include daughter Connie Diane Winton of McMinnville; three sons, Daniel Wayne Winton of Lady Lake, Fla., Donovan Junior (Katrina) Wood of McMinnville and her baby boy, Michael Tyrone Wood of McMinnville; grandchildren, Devoy Lee Nokes, Rebecca Mechel Walling, Sabrina Moore, Haven Rens, Chance Wood, Mackenzie Wood and Noah Wood; two sisters Karen Phillips of Clarksville, and Linda Walker of McMinnville, brother David Hennessee of McMinnville; special aunt Nora Belle Chambers; several nieces, nephews and cousins; and special friend, Denise Thomas.

There will be no service or visitation at High’s. Online condolences may be made at www.highfuneralhome.com.

High Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Gary Eugene Tate, 77

Gary Eugene Tate, 77, a Smithville resident and Grundy County native, was born June 2, 1941 and died June 30 at his residence following an extended illness.

He was a retired self-employed painter, retired civil engineer with CBI Oil Company, and son of the late Joe Bradford and Katherine Iola Tate. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by sons, Gary Wayne Tate and Gregory Jay Tate; brother Joe N. Tate; and sister Rose Marie Hillis.

Mr. Tate is survived by four children, Hershell Tate of Smithville, Barry Tate of McMinnville, Billy Tate of Laverne, and Lizbeth Oliva of White House; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; brother and sister-in-law, Hubert and Leoana Tate of the Centertown community; and sister Evelyn Driver of McMinnville.

Funeral service will be 11 a.m. Friday, July 6, at High’s Chapel with Danny Sullivan to officiate. Interment will follow at Philadelphia Cemetery. Visitation will be 3 to 8 p.m. Thursday, and 8 a.m. Friday until the time of service at High’s. Online condolences may be made at www.highfuneralhome.com.

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