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TN Bills Combo Letter—Jan. Feb. Mar. April

HB2093/SB2508—“As introduced, prohibits the trustees of any defined contribution plan or related investment vehicle established as a health benefit by the state insurance company from investing in any cryptocurrency.—Amends TCA Title 8.”

Bill Introduced: 01/30/18 (HB)

Bill Enrolled: 03/27/18 (SB)

Bill Contents: “As introduced, prohibits the trustees of any defined contribution plan or related investment vehicle established as a health benefit by the state insurance company from investing in any cryptocurrency.—Amends TCA Title 8.”

Bill Text: <https://legiscan.com/TN/text/HB2093/id/1709869/Tennessee-2017-HB2093-Draft.pdf>

<https://legiscan.com/TN/text/SB2508/id/1714382/Tennessee-2017-SB2508-Draft.pdf>

Bill Summary: This bill would bar trustees from investing in cryptocurrencies. Essentially, trustees would not be able to create any investment plans that would be tied to cryptocurrencies (bitcoin, ethereum, etc.).

Bill Impact: This bill seems to be a response to a piece of legislation introduced about a month ago that legally recognizes cryptocurrencies in a court of law in Tennessee. Cryptocurrencies are decentralized, making them a potentially risky investment. This bill would try and limit the risk-probability. However, this new form of currency is becoming incredibly more prominent. Banning banks from investing in it could stunt future growth.

HB0108—“As introduced, prohibits abortions from the point a fetal heartbeat is detected; requires fetal heartbeat testing prior to an abortion; creates exceptions.—Amends TCA Title 39, Chapter 15, Part 2 and Title 68, Chapter 11, Part 2.”

Bill Engrossed: 02/13/18

Bill Contents: As introduced, prohibits abortions from the point a fetal heartbeat is detected; requires fetal heartbeat testing prior to an abortion; creates exceptions.—Amends TCA Title 39, Chapter 15, Part 2 and Title 68, Chapter 11, Part 2.

Bill Text: <https://legiscan.com/TN/text/HB0108/id/1481996/Tennessee-2017-HB0108-Draft.pdf>

Bill Summary: This has been deemed the “Heartbeat Report Bill.” Three actions are included in this bill: provide a post-abortion report determining the status of a heartbeat, send the information to the Department of Health, and offer the ultrasound to the mother of the baby to be killed.

Bill Impact: The goal is clearly to discourage abortions. Sponsors of the bill hope that if the mother sees there is a heartbeat, they will be less inclined to go on with the abortion. Rep. Van Huss presented the bill stating, “What the unborn, what Tennesseans, what this legislature so desperately needs, is bold leadership with a step by step plan to ABOLISH abortion in this state.

(<https://tennesseestar.com/2018/02/14/the-heartbeat-report-bill-passes-in-the-tennessee-house/>)

Therefore, this is just another step TN lawmakers have taken to try to end abortion.

HB1749—“As introduced, enacts the “Medical Cannabis Act”; establishes medical cannabis commission for regulation of cannabis-related health care.—Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29; Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 4; Title 50; Title 53, Chapter 11; Title 67 and Title 68.

Bill Introduced: 01/22/2018

Bill Contents: As introduced, enacts the “Medical Cannabis Act”; establishes

medical cannabis commission for regulation of cannabis-related health care. — Amends TCA Title 4, Chapter 29; Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 4; Title 50; Title 53, Chapter 11; Title 67 and Title 68.

Bill Text: <https://legiscan.com/TN/text/HB1749/id/1695169/Tennessee-2017-HB1749-Draft.pdf>

Bill Summary: This broad bill would legalize and regulate medical marijuana. The first action would be creating a commission that would be in charge of regulating all aspects of the product. This bill also gives voters of counties or municipalities the right to vote to exclude an marijuana dispensaries or plants from their jurisdiction. It also would require a person attempting to buy marijuana to be an approved cardholder from the commission.

Bill Impact: The concept behind the bill has been implemented in 29 other states. Since counties have the right to reject the bill in their respective jurisdictions it's hard to say how many people it will affect in Tennessee. However, this would increase revenue for the state of Tennessee because of the way it is regulated.

HB1114— “As introduced, requires motorboats that carry passengers for hire to be inspected and approved by the Tennessee wildlife resources agency (TWRA); requires operators of motorboats carrying passengers for hire to be licensed by the TWRA; provides requirements for the operation of motorboats carrying passengers for hire. — Amends TCA Title 68; Title 69 and Title 70.”

Bill Placed On Calendar: 4/5/2018

Bill Contents: As introduced, requires motorboats that carry passengers for hire to be inspected and approved by the Tennessee wildlife resources agency (TWRA); requires operators of motorboats carrying passengers for hire to be licensed by the TWRA; provides requirements for the operation of motorboats carrying passengers for hire.— Amends TCA Title 68; Title 69 and Title 70.

Bill Text: <https://legiscan.com/TN/text/HB1114/id/1504906/Tennessee-2017-HB1114-Draft.pdf>

Bill Summary: This bill entails new regulations for motor boats that carry passengers. Operators for commercial motor boat tours will need to be licensed by the Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency. This bill also includes some new

operations requirements when carrying passengers commercially.

HB1320— “As introduced, enacts the “Long-Acting Birth Control Information Act.” —Amends TCA Title 8; Title 63; Title 68 and Title 71.”

Bill Enrolled: 03/29/2018

Bill Contents: As introduced, enacts the “Long-Acting Birth Control Information Act.” —Amends TCA Title 8; Title 63; Title 68 and Title 71.

Bill Text: <https://legiscan.com/TN/text/HB1320/2017>

Bill Summary: This bill’s goal is to make it easier for women to receive Long-Acting Reversible Contraceptions or LARC. LARC is a form of birth control that is considered very effective in preventing unintended pregnancies. The bill creates a program that will be implemented in family-planning centers across Tennessee regarding LARC methods. Financial support for expansion to provide LARC is included.

Bill Impact: Half of pregnancies in the U.S. are unintended. LARC has proven to be an effective birth control tool, failing only 1% of the time (<http://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/nejmoa1110855>). The funding is unspecified in the bill. This end goal of this bill is to make receiving LARC easier for women in Tennessee.

HB0222— “As introduced, requires the department of safety to print the language “NON U.S. CITIZEN” or “ALIEN” on driver licenses, permits, or other forms of identification issued or renewed for a temporary period to persons who are not United States citizens and not lawful permanent residents of the United States.— Amends TCA Title 55, Chapter 50.”

Bill Enrolled: 03/29/2018

Bill Contents: As introduced, requires the department of safety to print the language “NON U.S. CITIZEN” or “ALIEN” on driver licenses, permits, or other forms of identification issued or renewed for a temporary period to persons who are not United States citizens and not lawful permanent residents of the United

States. — Amends TCA Title 55, Chapter 50.

Bill Text: <https://legiscan.com/TN/text/HB0222/id/1487170/Tennessee-2017-HB0222-Draft.pdf>

Bill Summary: This bill will now require the terminology “NON U.S. CITIZEN” or “ALIEN” to be printed on forms of identification for non U.S. citizens and illegal immigrants. This language will be labeled on the forms of identification whenever new identification is issued or needs to be renewed.

“The liberties of a people never were, nor ever will be, secure, when the transactions of their rulers may be concealed from them.”

— Patrick Henry
Founding Father of The United States of America



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