

"AN ACT TO AMEND SUBSECTION (e) OF SECTION 3 OF ACT 515 OF 1983 [ARK. STATS. 72-640(e)] RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION OF DISPENSING PHYSICIANS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. Subsection (e) of Section 3 of Act 515 of 1983, the same being Arkansas Statutes 72-640, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(e) All dispensing physicians presently licensed and practicing in the State of Arkansas are hereby required to register with the Arkansas State Medical Board within ninety (90) days from the effective date of Act 515 of 1983, provided that such physicians who have been dispensing in the ordinary course of their practice for the twelve (12) months immediately prior to the effective date of Act 515 of 1983 shall be exempt from the requirements of subsection (d) of this Section."

SECTION 2. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the General Assembly that subsection (e) of Section 3 of Act 515 of 1983 contained an erroneous reference to Section 2 (d) which reference should be to Section 3 (d); that this erroneous reference has caused some confusion and disagreement concerning the registration of dispensing physicians who had been engaged in dispensing drugs in the ordinary course of their practice for at least twelve months prior to the effective date of Act 515 of 1983; that this Act is designed to correct this reference and to clarify this confusion and disagreement and should be given effect immediately. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.