

Act 533 of the 1989 Regular Session.

Act 533

HB1498

By: Representative Blair

"AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 20-8-106(a) TO REQUIRE NO PERMIT OF APPROVAL FOR HOME HEALTH CARE SERVICES AGENCIES THAT WERE OPERATING PRIOR TO JULY 1, 1988 AND SERVING ONLY RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY WHERE THEIR PRINCIPLE OFFICE WAS LOCATED; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 20-8-106 is hereby amended to add a new subdivision (a)(4) to read as follows:

"(4) No permit of approval shall be required by the Health Services Agency or the Health Services Commission for any applicant to qualify for a Class 'B' license, as provided for in Arkansas Code 20-10-801 et seq., to operate a home health care services agency, if the agency was serving patients on or before June 30, 1988 and if the agency serves the residents of the county where the principle office was located."

SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

SECTION 3. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. Emergency. It is hereby found and determined by the Seventy-Seventh General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that there is an immediate and urgent need to effect revisions in the health planning system of the state; that there are no promulgated regulations and there has been confusion regarding the issuance of permits for approval required for certain services, and that care to some patients has been interrupted. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being immediately 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.

APPROVED: March 14, 1989

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