

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to law as it existed prior to the 82nd General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas
2 82nd General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 1999
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As Engrossed: H1/29/99 S2/8/99

A Bill

Act 338 of 1999
HOUSE BILL 1206

5 By: Representative Laverty
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 "AN ACT TO LIMIT THE USE OF THE TITLE 'DOCTOR' IN
10 ASSOCIATION WITH VARIOUS PRACTICES OF THE HEALING
11 ARTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

14 "AN ACT TO LIMIT THE USE OF THE TITLE
15 'DOCTOR' IN ASSOCIATION WITH VARIOUS
16 PRACTICES OF THE HEALING ARTS."
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Definitions. As used in this act:

22 (1) "Healing arts" means the practice of any type of profession
23 requiring special education and skill that promotes healing of the human body
24 or that relates to the prevention of illness or disease; and

25 (2) "Health care service" means that service offered or provided
26 relating to the prevention, cure or treatment of illness, injury or disease
27 and includes services performed by healing arts practitioners.
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29 SECTION 2. In any written document or electronically transmitted
30 document in connection with provision of a health care service, no person
31 shall use the title "Doctor", unless that title is authorized under Title 17
32 of the Arkansas Code, in which case that person shall use the title in
33 accordance with the statutes and regulations governing the particular health
34 care profession or unless that person has been granted a doctoral degree in
35 any healing arts profession and is licensed in that profession under Title 17
36 of the Arkansas Code.

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2 SECTION 3. No person shall advertise or allow oneself to be advertised
3 by the title "Doctor" in association with the practice of one of the healing
4 arts, except in the practice of one of the health care professions regulated
5 under Title 17 of the Arkansas Code, in which case that person shall use the
6 title in accordance with the statutes and regulations governing the particular
7 health care profession or unless that person has been granted a doctoral
8 degree in any healing arts profession and is licensed in that profession under
9 Title 17 of the Arkansas Code.

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11 SECTION 4. In connection with the provision of health care services, no
12 person shall call oneself or allow oneself to be called by the title "Doctor,"
13 except in the practice of one of the health care professions regulated under
14 Title 17 of the Arkansas Code, in which case the person shall use the title in
15 accordance with the statutes and regulations governing the particular health
16 care profession.

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18 SECTION 5. This act shall not be construed to authorize any person to
19 use the title "Doctor", unless that title is authorized under Title 17 of the
20 Arkansas Code, in which case that person shall use title in accordance with
21 the statutes and regulations governing the particular health care profession
22 or unless that person has been granted a doctoral degree in any healing arts
23 profession and is licensed in that profession under Title 17 of the Arkansas
24 Code.

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26 SECTION 6. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
27 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
28 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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30 SECTION 7. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
31 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
32 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
33 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
34 act are declared to be severable.

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36 SECTION 8. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are

1 hereby repeal ed.

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/s/ Lavery

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APPROVED: 3/1/1999

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