

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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As Engrossed: H1/24/01

A Bill

Act 303 of 2001
HOUSE BILL 1194

5 By: Representative Bradford
6 By: Senator Gullett
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS NURSE
10 PRACTICE ACT CONCERNING TEMPORARY PERMITS AND CRIMINAL
11 BACKGROUND CHECKS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 AN ACT TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF
15 THE ARKANSAS NURSE PRACTICE ACT.
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 17-87-307(b)(2) is amended to read as follows:

21 (2) This permit must have an issuance date and a an expiration
22 date, when it shall become invalid and shall not exceed ninety (90) days.
23 The permit shall be valid for no more than six (6) months.
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25 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 17-87-312(a) is amended to read as follows:

26 (a) ~~After October 1, 1999, each~~ Each first-time applicant for a license
27 issued by the Arkansas State Board of Nursing ~~may be required to~~ shall apply
28 to the Identification Bureau of the Department of Arkansas State Police for a
29 state and national criminal background check, to be conducted by the Federal
30 Bureau of Investigation.
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32 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code 17-87-312(g)(1) is amended to read as follows:

33 (g)(1) The board may issue a ~~six month nonrenewable letter of~~
34 ~~provisional eligibility for licensure~~ nonrenewable temporary permit for
35 licensure to a first-time applicant pending the results of the criminal
36 background check. The permit shall be valid for no more than six (6) months.

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SECTION 4. Arkansas Code 17-87-312(m) is repealed:

~~(m) Persons licensed by the board may be required to apply for a criminal history check in the same manner as an applicant for licensure under this section. The board shall develop and adopt a regulation that prescribes how criminal history checks for persons licensed by the board may be conducted.~~

/s/ Bradford

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