**Act 271 of the Regular Session**

1 State of Arkansas *As Engrossed: H2/21/07 H2/23/07*

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5 By: Representatives Allen, E. Brown, Chesterfield, Davis, S. Dobbins, Walters, *Abernathy, Maxwell,*

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9 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

10 AN ACT TO MINIMIZE THE SPREAD *OF THE COMMUNICABLE*

11 *DISEASE OF HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS (HIV)*

12 *CARRIED BY INMATES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF*

13 *CORRECTION; TO REQUIRE TESTING OR SCREENING OF*

14 *INMATES UNDER CERTAIN* CIRCUMSTANCES; AND FOR

15 OTHER PURPOSES.

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17 **Subtitle**

18 TO MINIMIZE THE SPREAD OF THE

19 COMMUNICABLE DISEASE OF HUMAN

20 IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS (HIV) CARRIED BY

21 INMATES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION

22 AND TO REQUIRE TESTING OR SCREENING.

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

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27 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 12-29-112 is amended to read as follows:

28 12-29-112. Discharge or release.

29 (a) Inmates released upon completion of their term or released on

30 parole shall be supplied with satisfactory clothing and a travel subsidy as

31 prescribed by the Board of Corrections.

32 (b) Upon release of any inmate from any unit or center of the

33 Department of Correction, the department shall provide transportation for the

34 inmate to the closest commercial transportation pick-up point.

35 (c) Before the release of an inmate from any unit or center of the

1  *department, the department shall provide:*

2         *(1)  Testing or screening of the inmate for human*

3  *immunodeficiency virus (HIV); and*

4         *(2)  Counseling regarding treatment options if the inmate tests*

5  *positive for human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).*

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7                */s/ Allen, et al*

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