

ARKANSAS SENATE
84th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2003
Amendment Form

Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 265
"AN ACT TO IMPROVE THE TREATMENT OF CHRONIC INTRACTABLE PAIN."

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill No. 265.

Amend Senate Bill No. 265 as originally introduced:

Add Representative Judy as a cosponsor of the bill

AND

Page 2, delete line 35 and substitute the following:

"Chronic Pain Intractable Treatment Act".

(b)(1) In lieu of a finding of gross and ignorant malpractice, the board may incrementally impose sanctions as follows:

(A) Monitor prescribing habits of the physician not to exceed six (6) months;

(B) Require the physician to voluntarily surrender his or her United States Drug Enforcement Agency license to the board for a specified period of time not to exceed three (3) months;

(C) Suspend the physician's license, stay the suspension, and require monitoring of prescribing habits;

(D) Revoke the physician's license, stay revocation, and require monitoring of the physician's prescribing habits for a specified time; and

(E) Revoke the physician's license for serious violations of statutes and regulations.

(2) With a finding of severe violation of statutes and regulations, the board may initially impose the more severe sanctions.

(3) At any level of sanction, the board may require continuing medical education hours in proper prescribing habits."

AND

Page 2, line 36, delete "(c)" and substitute "(d)"

AND

Page 3, line 15, delete "(d)" and substitute "(e)"

AND



Page 3, line 33, delete "within" and substitute "appointed by"

AND

Page 3, delete lines 35 and 36, and Page 4, delete line 1 and substitute the following:

"(b) The committee shall consist of five (5) full time active physicians in direct patient care members, two (2) of whom shall be board certified pain management specialists and three (3) of whom may be physicians with significant pain management in their practices or with a degree in pharmacy, appointed by the board from a list provided by the Arkansas Osteopathic Medical Association, the Arkansas Medical Society, and the Arkansas Pain Society."

AND

Page 4, delete line 3 and substitute the following:

"(1) In cooperation with the Arkansas Osteopathic Medical Association, the Arkansas Medical Society, and the Arkansas Pain Society, develop"

AND

Page 4, line 5 delete "and"

AND

Page 4, delete lines 6 and 7 and substitute the following:

"(2) Investigate complaints and review complaints on an individual patient needs basis regarding physicians treating chronic intractable pain in violation of this subchapter; and
(3) Provide an objective critique to the board."

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

By: Senator Altes

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Secretary