Hall of the House of Representatives

87th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2009 **Amendment Form**

Subtitle of House Bill No. 1998 "AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE PERMITS OF APPROVAL FOR HOSPICES IN BORDER CITIES."

Amendment No. 1 to House Bill No. 1998.

Amend House Bill No. 1998 as originally introduced:

Delete lines 9 through 11 of the title and substitute the following: "AN ACT TO EXEMPT BORDER CITY HOSPICES FROM THE REQUIREMENT OF A PERMIT OF APPROVAL; TO AUTHORIZE HOSPICE LICENSURE WITHOUT A PERMIT OF APPROVAL TO SERVE BORDER CITY HOSPICE PATIENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

AND

Delete lines 14 and 15 of the subtitle and substitute the following: "AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE HOSPICE LICENSURE WITHOUT A PERMIT OF APPROVAL TO SERVE BORDER CITY HOSPICE PATIENTS."

AND

Page 1, delete line 21 and substitute the following: "continuity of care for hospice patients who are terminally ill and"

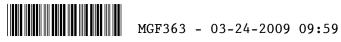
AND

Delete SECTION 2 in its entirety and substitute the following: "SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 20-7-117(c), concerning rules for hospices, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows: (3)(A) A hospice agency licensed in another state's border city that borders the State of Arkansas is eligible for licensure to provide hospice services in Arkansas.

(B) A hospice agency qualified for Arkansas licensure under this subdivision (c)(3) shall:

(i) Be licensed only to provide services in a service area that consists of the adjoining Arkansas border city; and (ii)(a) Be exempt from the Arkansas permit of approval requirements for the service area described in this subdivision (c)(3).

(b) A hospice agency exempted from the permit



of approval requirement under subdivision (c)(3)(B)(ii)(a) of this section is not exempt from the requirement of a permit of approval to serve any other area of the state.

- (C) For purposes of this subdivision (c)(3), "border city" means a city with a population greater than twenty thousand (20,000) in a county that does not have a hospital, the city limit of which:
 - (i) Borders a state line; or
- (ii) Adjoins another state by bordering a navigable river that adjoins the state line.
- (D) The department may adopt rules necessary to establish hospice licensure for the limited purpose created in this subdivision (c)(3)."

The Amendment was read	
By: Representative L. Cowling	
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