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Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill No. 1186

TO REMOVE THE COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE AGREEMENT AS APPLICABLE TO ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES; AND TO CLARIFY THE PROCESS NECESSARY FOR AN ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE TO QUALIFY FOR PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY.

Amendment No. 1 to House Bill No. 1186

Amend House Bill No. 1186 as originally introduced:

Page 1, delete line 9, and substitute the following:

"AS APPLICABLE TO ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES WHO MEET CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS;"

AND

Delete the subtitle in its entirety and substitute:

"TO REMOVE THE COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE AGREEMENT AS APPLICABLE TO ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES WHO MEET CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS; AND TO AMEND THE PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY FOR AN ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE."

AND

Page 2, delete line 36, and substitute the following:

"collaborative practice agreement for qualified advanced practice registered nurses."

AND

Page 3, line 5, delete "advanced practice registered nurses" and substitute "qualified advanced practice registered nurses"

AND

Immediately following SECTION 1, add an additional section to read as follows:

"SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 17-87-310 is amended to read as follows:



17-87-310. Prescriptive authority.

(a) The Arkansas State Board of Nursing may grant a certificate of prescriptive authority to an advanced practice registered nurse who:

(1) Submits proof of successful completion of an Arkansas State Board of Nursing-approved advanced pharmacology course that shall include preceptorial experience in the prescription of drugs, medicines, and therapeutic devices; and

(2) Either:

(A) Has a collaborative practice agreement with a practicing physician who is licensed under the Arkansas Medical Practices Act, § 17-95-201 et seq., § 17-95-301 et seq., and § 17-95-401 et seq., and who has training in scope, specialty, or expertise to that of the advanced practice registered nurse on file with the Arkansas State Board of Nursing;
or

(B)(i) Is granted by the Arkansas State Board of Nursing the removal of the collaborative practice agreement requirement if the advanced practice registered nurse applies to the Arkansas State Board of Nursing and has completed three thousand six hundred (3,600) hours of practice experience.

(ii) Completion of three thousand six hundred (3,600) hours of practice experience places an advanced practice registered nurse in the status as a qualified advanced practice registered nurse.

(b)(1) An advanced practice registered nurse with a certificate of prescriptive authority may receive and prescribe drugs, medicines, or therapeutic devices appropriate to the advanced practice registered nurse's area of practice in accordance with rules established by the Arkansas State Board of Nursing.

(2) An advanced practice registered nurse's prescriptive authority shall extend:

(A) For an advanced practice registered nurse in a collaborative practice agreement, only to drugs listed in Schedules III – V and, if expressly authorized by the collaborative practice agreement, also to those hydrocodone combination products reclassified from Schedule III to Schedule II as of October 6, 2014; and

(B) For a qualified advanced practice registered nurse, to drugs listed in Schedules II - V.

(3)(A) The Arkansas State Board of Nursing shall promptly adopt rules applicable to an advanced practice registered nurse that are consistent with the Arkansas State Medical Board's rules governing the prescription of dangerous drugs and controlled substances.

(B) Prior to approval of the Arkansas State Board of Nursing's rules, the Arkansas State Medical Board shall review the proposed rules and verify that the proposed rules are consistent with the Arkansas State Medical Board's rules concerning the prescription of dangerous drugs and controlled substances.

(c) A collaborative practice agreement shall include, but not be limited to, provisions addressing:

(1) The availability of the collaborating physician for consultation or referral, or both;

(2) Methods of management of the collaborative practice, which shall include protocols for prescriptive authority;

(3) Coverage of the healthcare needs of a patient in the

emergency absence of the advanced practice registered nurse or physician; and

(4) Quality assurance.

(d) If a collaborative practice results in complaints of violations of the Arkansas Medical Practices Act, § 17-95-201 et seq., § 17-95-301 et seq., and § 17-95-401 et seq., the Arkansas State Medical Board may review the role of the physician in the collaborative practice to determine if the physician is unable to manage his or her responsibilities under the agreement without an adverse effect on the quality of care of the patient.

(e) If a collaborative practice results in complaints of violations of this chapter, the Arkansas State Board of Nursing may review the role of the advanced practice registered nurse in the collaborative practice to determine if the nurse is unable to manage his or her responsibilities under the agreement without an adverse effect on the quality of care of the patient."

AND

Delete SECTION 2 in its entirety

AND

Delete SECTION 3 in its entirety

AND

Delete SECTION 4 in its entirety

The Amendment was read _____

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