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Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill No. 1433

TO AUTHORIZE INDIVIDUALS WITH PRIOR DRUG-RELATED OFFENSES TO WORK WITH
INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT AS PEER SUPPORT SPECIALISTS OR
SIMILAR POSITIONS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 1433

Amend House Bill No. 1433 as originally introduced:

Page 2, delete line 1, and substitute the following:

"that would disqualify him or her from employment is an offense that does not
involve violence or a sexual act.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 77, Subchapter 1, is
amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

20-77-135. Peer support specialist.

The Department of Human Services shall not disqualify or exclude an
individual from participation in the Arkansas Medicaid Program based on a
criminal background check if:

(1) The individual is employed as a peer support specialist or
other similar position;

(2) The individual obtains certification in peer recovery by the
Arkansas Substance Abuse Certification Board;

(3) The certification was obtained after the commission of a
criminal offense;

(4) The criminal offense does not involve violence or a sexual
act; and

(5) The certification process includes due process for appealing
a decision based upon a disqualifying charge in the criminal background
check."

AND

Appropriately renumber the sections of the bill



The Amendment was read _____
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