

1 **State of Arkansas**

2 **78th General Assembly**

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1849

4 **By: Representatives Wyrick, Maddox, Townsend, Landers, J. Miller, Barclay, Mitchell,**
5 **McGee, Willems, Flanagan, Carter, Stephens, Hunton, Teague, J. J. Roberts, Dawson,**
6 **Schexnayder, Moreland, Rice, Brown, Wooldridge, K. Wood, Watts, Shaver, Holland,**
7 **Hinshaw, Dowd, McKissack, Mills, Sanson, Rorie, Jordan, Horn, Calhoun, Murphy, Blair,**
8 **Gilbert, Easley, Whorton, Wingfield, Baker, Hogue, Collier, King, Pollan, Fairchild, Hawkins,**
9 **Hutchinson, and Smith**

For An Act To Be Entitled

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11 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 23-79-114(a)(1) CONCERNING
12 INSURANCE AND PROVIDING FOR EQUALITY IN THE CONDITIONS
13 PLACED ON PAYMENT TO OR UPON SERVICES OF THE VARIOUS
14 CLASSES OF PHYSICIANS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

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18 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 23-79-114(a)(1) is amended to read as follows:

19 "(a)(1) Notwithstanding any provision of any individual or group policy
20 of accident and health insurance or any provision of a policy, contract, plan
21 or agreement for hospital or medical service or indemnity, in cases where the
22 policy, contract, plan or agreement provides for payment or reimbursement for
23 services provided by persons licensed under the Arkansas Medical Practices
24 Act, 17-93-201 et seq., the person entitled to benefits or person performing
25 services under the policy, contract, plan or agreement is entitled to payment
26 or reimbursement on an equal basis for services performed by any person
27 licensed under any of the examining boards found in 17-80-101, as amended by
28 17-93-301 -- 17-93-304, without unfair discrimination to the usual and
29 customary treatment procedures or nomenclature utilized by persons licensed
30 under Chapter 81 of Title 17 of the Arkansas Code."

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32 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent
33 nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas
34 Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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1 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
2 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
3 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
4 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
5 act are declared to be severable.

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7 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
8 hereby repealed.

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10 /s/P. Wyrick, et al

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