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4 **By: Senator Scott**

# A Bill

**SENATE BILL 471**

## **For An Act To Be Entitled**

8 "AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE ANY PHYSICIAN PRACTICING MEDICINE IN  
9 A FEDERALLY CERTIFIED RURAL HEALTH *CLINIC* TO PREESTABLISH  
10 AND APPROVE A PROTOCOL OF TREATMENT FOR PATIENTS INCLUDING  
11 THE PRESCRIBING OF MEDICINE FOR SUCH TREATMENT AND MAY  
12 EXTEND TO ANY LICENSED PHYSICIAN'S TRAINED ASSISTANT OR  
13 LICENSED NURSE PRACTITIONER UNDER HIS OR HER SUPERVISION  
14 THE PRIVILEGE OF WRITING PRESCRIPTIONS FOR SUCH MEDICINE;  
15 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

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19 SECTION 1. Any licensed physician practicing medicine in any federally  
20 certified rural health *clinic located in a health professional shortage area*  
21 *as defined in 42 U.S.C. Sec. 254e, as amended (Public Health Services Act)* in  
22 the State *that is certified by the Arkansas Department of Health* is hereby  
23 authorized to preestablish and approve a protocol of treatment for patients in  
24 the *clinic*, including the prescription of medicines for such treatment and may  
25 extend to any Arkansas licensed physician's trained assistant or Arkansas  
26 licensed nurse practitioner under his or her supervision the privilege of  
27 writing prescriptions for such medicines *with the exception of controlled*  
28 *substances as designated in Ark. Code Ann. §5-64-101 et seq.* When any such  
29 licensed physician has extended to a physician's trained assistant or nurse  
30 practitioner the privilege of writing prescriptions for medicines for the  
31 treatment of the physician's patients as authorized herein, any pharmacist is  
32 authorized to fill such prescriptions.

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34 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature  
35 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code

1 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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

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

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12 /s/Scott

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