

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **79th General Assembly**
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4 **By: Representatives Flanagin and Smith**

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7 **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

8 REQUESTING THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH,
9 WELFARE AND LABOR TO STUDY THE PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY OF
10 NURSE PRACTITIONERS, PHYSICIAN_S ASSISTANTS, ALLIED HEALTH
11 PROFESSIONALS AND OTHER NON-PHYSICIAN HEALTH CARE
12 PROVIDERS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE EIGHTIETH (80TH)
13 GENERAL ASSEMBLY REGARDING ANY STATUTORY PROVISIONS WHICH
14 MIGHT IMPROVE HEALTH CARE IN RURAL ARKANSAS.

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16 **Subtitle**

17 REQUESTING THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH,
18 WELFARE AND LABOR TO STUDY THE PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY OF
19 NON-PHYSICIAN HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS.

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21 WHEREAS, there is a severe shortage of health care professionals in many
22 rural areas of the state; and

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24 WHEREAS, many states have found that broadening the powers of non-
25 physician health care providers improves access to health care in rural areas;
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28 WHEREAS, this concept directly impacts the health of Arkansas citizens
29 and requires careful study of all the factors before any recommendations are
30 made,

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32 NOW THEREFORE,

33 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SEVENTY-NINTH GENERAL
34 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

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1 THAT the Joint Interim Committee on Public Health, Welfare and Labor
2 study the prescriptive authority of nurse practitioners, physician_s
3 assistants, allied health professionals and other non-physician health care
4 providers and make recommendations to the Eightieth (80th) General Assembly
5 regarding any statutory provisions which might improve health care in rural
6 Arkansas.

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