| 1<br>2 | State of Arkansas<br>84th General Assembly                                    | A Bill  |                 |  |
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| 3      | Regular Session, 2003   |   | HOUSE BILL 1476 |  |
| 4      |   |   |                 |  |
| 5      | By: Representative Jeffrey  |   |                 |  |
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| 7      |   |   |                 |  |
| 8      | For An Act To Be Entitled   |   |                 |  |
| 9      | AN ACT TO EXTEND THE TERM OF TREATMENT FOR                                    |   |                 |  |
| 10     | INVOLUN   | INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENTS TO ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE |                 |  |
| 11     | PROGRAMS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.   |   |                 |  |
| 12     |   |   |                 |  |
| 13     | Subtitle  |   |                 |  |
| 14     | AN ACT TO EXTEND THE TERM OF TREATMENT  |   |                 |  |
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| 16     | AND DRUG ABUSE PROGRAMS.  |   |                 |  |
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| 19     | BE IT ENACTED BY THE  | GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF AR               | RKANSAS:        |  |
| 20     |   |   |                 |  |
| 21     | SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-64-821(c), concerning involuntary               |   |                 |  |
| 22     | commitment to alcohol and drug abuse programs, is amended to read as follows: |   |                 |  |
| 23     | (c) $\underline{(1)}$ The petitioner shall appear before the probate judge to |   |                 |  |
| 24     | substantiate the petition.  |   |                 |  |
| 25     | (2) The court shall make a determination based upon clear and                 |   |                 |  |
| 26     | convincing evidence that the standards for involuntary commitment apply to    |   |                 |  |
| 27     | the person.   |   |                 |  |
| 28     | <u>(3)</u> If so  | uch a determination is made, the pe               | erson shall be  |  |
| 29     | remanded to a designated agent of the Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Abuse        |   |                 |  |
| 30     | Prevention or the designated receiving facility for treatment for a period of |   |                 |  |
| 31     | up to <del>twenty-one (21)</del>  | twenty-eight (28) days.                           |                 |  |
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