

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas
2 84th General Assembly
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1604

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5 By: Representative Hathorn
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE § 20-47-215
10 PERTAINING TO THE HEARING PROCEDURE FOR
11 INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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14 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE § 20-47-
15 215 PERTAINING TO THE HEARING PROCEDURE
16 FOR INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENTS.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-47-215(c) is amended to read as follows:

22 (c) Hearing. (1) A hearing on the petition seeking additional
23 involuntary admission pursuant to this section must be held before the
24 expiration of the period of involuntary admission.

25 (A) The hearing shall be open to the public and the
26 news media, unless the person sought to be additionally involuntarily
27 admitted shall request in writing that the hearing be closed.

28 (B) All written requests filed on behalf of the
29 person sought to be additionally involuntarily admitted must be witnessed by
30 the attorney who is representing the person.

31 (2) All testimony shall be recorded under oath and preserved.

32 (3) The need for additional involuntary admission shall be
33 proven by ~~clear and convincing evidence~~ a preponderance of the evidence.
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