

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.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2197

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5 By: Representative Key
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO LICENSE DRUG AND ALCOHOL PROGRAMS THAT
10 ARE ACCREDITED BY THE COUNCIL ON ACCREDITATION;
11 TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE § 20-64-903 TO CLARIFY THE
12 LAW; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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15 AN ACT TO LICENSE DRUG AND ALCOHOL
16 PROGRAMS THAT ARE ACCREDITED BY THE
17 COUNCIL ON ACCREDITATION.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-64-903 is amended to read as follows:

23 20-64-903. Authority - Exemptions - Current programs.

24 (a)(1) The Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention is vested with
25 the authority and duty to establish and promulgate rules for the licensure of
26 alcohol and drug abuse treatment programs in Arkansas.

27 (2) All persons, partnerships, associations, or corporations
28 establishing, conducting, managing, or operating and holding themselves out
29 to the public as alcohol, drug, or alcohol and drug abuse treatment programs
30 must be licensed by the bureau.

31 (3) No person, partnership, association, or corporation will be
32 allowed to receive federal or state funds for treatment services until it has
33 received a license.

34 (b) The following programs and persons are exempted from the
35 requirements of this subchapter:

36 (1) Acute care, hospital-based alcohol and drug abuse treatment



1 programs governed by §§ 20-9-201 and 20-10-213;

2 (2) Members of the clergy, Christian Science practitioners, and
 3 licensed professionals such as physicians, nurses, psychologists, counselors,
 4 social workers, psychological examiners, school counselors, substance abuse
 5 counselors, and attorneys working within the standards of their respective
 6 professions;

7 ~~(3) Programs meeting the alcohol and drug abuse treatment~~
 8 ~~program standards of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care~~
 9 ~~Organizations or the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities~~
 10 ~~will automatically receive bureau licensure as licensed alcohol and drug~~
 11 ~~abuse treatment programs, and the license shall be awarded by the bureau upon~~
 12 ~~presentation by the program of evidence of accreditation by the Joint~~
 13 ~~Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations or the Commission on~~
 14 ~~Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities. This subdivision (b)(3) does not~~
 15 ~~apply to methadone and alpha acetylmethadol treatment programs operating in~~
 16 ~~the State of Arkansas. All methadone and alpha acetylmethadol treatment~~
 17 ~~programs shall be licensed by the bureau;~~

18 ~~(4)(3)~~ Treatment directly administered by the United States
 19 Department of Defense or any other federal agency; and

20 ~~(5)(4)~~ Self-help or twelve-step programs such as Alcoholics
 21 Anonymous, Cocaine Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, Al-Anon, or Narc-Anon.

22 (c)(1) Programs meeting the alcohol and drug abuse treatment program
 23 standards of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care
 24 Organizations, the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities,
 25 or the Council on Accreditation will automatically receive bureau licensure
 26 as licensed alcohol and drug abuse treatment programs, and the license shall
 27 be awarded by the bureau upon presentation by the program of evidence of
 28 accreditation by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care
 29 Organizations, the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities,
 30 or the Council on Accreditation.

31 (2) This subsection (c) does not apply to methadone and alpha
 32 acetylmethadol treatment programs operating in the State of Arkansas. All
 33 methadone and alpha acetylmethadol treatment programs shall be licensed by
 34 the bureau.