

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  
3 Regular Session, 2003

# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2283

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5 By: Representative Bright  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO ADD THREE (3) CONSUMERS TO THE HEALTH  
10 SERVICES PERMIT COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER  
11 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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14 AN ACT TO ADD THREE (3) CONSUMERS TO THE  
15 HEALTH SERVICES PERMIT COMMISSION.  
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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### SECTION 1. Finding.

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21 The General Assembly finds that it is in the best interests of the  
22 State of Arkansas and its citizens that the membership of the Health Services  
23 Permit Commission be expanded to include one (1) consumer each to represent:

24 (1) Persons with mental illness;

25 (2) Persons with developmental disabilities; and

26 (3) Persons with physical disabilities.  
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### SECTION 2. Purpose and intent.

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29 The purpose of this act is to enable persons with mental illness,  
30 developmental disabilities, and physical disabilities to have a voice in the  
31 establishment of placement and care choices, and options in Arkansas' long  
32 term care delivery system.  
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### SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 20-8-102(b) is amended to read as follows:

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35 (b) The Health Services Permit Commission shall be composed of the  
36 following membership to be appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the



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1 Senate:

- 2 (1) A practicing physician;
- 3 (2) A representative of the Department of Human Services;
- 4 (3) A member of the Arkansas Hospital Association;
- 5 (4) A member of the Arkansas Health Care Association;
- 6 (5) A member of the Arkansas Chapter of ~~the American Association~~
- 7 ~~of Retired Persons~~ AARP;
- 8 (6) A consumer to represent the interests of persons with mental
- 9 illness;
- 10 (7) A consumer to represent the interests of persons with
- 11 developmental disabilities;
- 12 (8) A consumer to represent the interests of persons with
- 13 physical disabilities;
- 14 ~~(6)~~ (9) A member of the HomeCare Association of Arkansas;
- 15 ~~(7)~~ (10) A consumer knowledgeable in business health insurance;
- 16 ~~and~~
- 17 ~~(8)~~ (11) A member of the Arkansas Residential Assisted Living
- 18 Association; and
- 19 ~~(9)~~ (12) A member of the Arkansas State Hospice Association.

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