

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 2547

5 By: Representative Ledbetter
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO ENSURE ADEQUATE MINIMUM STAFFING OF
10 NURSING HOMES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

12 AN ACT TO ENSURE ADEQUATE MINIMUM
13 STAFFING OF NURSING HOMES.
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-10-1401 is amended to read as follows:
21 20-10-1401. Definitions.

22 For purposes of this subchapter:

23 (1) "Day shift" means the period of 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.;

24 (2)(A) "Direct-care staff" means any licensed or certified nursing
25 staff who provides direct, hands-on care to residents in a nursing facility.

26 (B) "Direct-care staff" shall not include therapy personnel or
27 personnel listed in § 20-10-1404;

28 (3) "Evening shift" means the period of 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.;

29 (4) "Midnight census" means the number of patients occupying nursing
30 home beds in a nursing facility at midnight of each day;

31 (5) "Night shift" means the period of 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.; and

32 (6)(A) "Nursing facility or nursing home" means any buildings,
33 structure, agency, institution, or other place for the reception,
34 accommodation, board, care, or treatment of more than three (3) unrelated
35 individuals, who, because of physical or mental infirmity, are unable to
36 sufficiently or properly care for themselves, and for which reception,



1 accommodation, board, care, and treatment a charge is made.

2 (B) Provided, the term "nursing facility or nursing home" shall
3 not include the offices of private physicians and surgeons, boarding homes,
4 residential care facilities, assisted living facilities, intermediate care
5 facilities for the mentally retarded, hospitals, institutions operated by the
6 federal government or licensed by the Division of Developmental Disabilities
7 Services, or any facility which is conducted by and for those who rely
8 exclusively upon treatment by prayer alone for healing in accordance with the
9 tenets or practices of any recognized religious denomination.

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