

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 2574

5 By: Representative Ledbetter
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE ARKANSAS STATE MEDICAL
10 BOARD TO POST IN ITS WEBSITE THE NAMES OF
11 PHYSICIANS WHO HAVE BEEN THE SUBJECT OF
12 MALPRACTICE COMPLAINTS, SETTLEMENTS, AND
13 VERDICTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-95-303 is amended to read as follows:
26 17-95-303. Powers and duties.

27 The Arkansas State Medical Board shall:

28 (1) Make and adopt all rules, regulations, and bylaws not inconsistent
29 with the laws of this state or of the United States and necessary or
30 convenient to perform the duties and to transact the business required by
31 law;

32 (2) Have authority to promulgate and put into effect such rules and
33 regulations as are necessary to carry out the purposes of the Arkansas
34 Medical Practices Act, §§ 17-95-201 - 17-95-207, 17-95-301 - 17-95-305, and
35 17-95-401 - 17-95-411, and the intentions expressed therein;

36 (3) Have authority to employ attorneys to represent the board in all



1 legal matters at a compensation approved by the board. Contracts for
2 employment of attorneys shall be filed by the Secretary of the Arkansas State
3 Medical Board with the Legislative Council. The board shall further have
4 authority to request the assistance of the Attorney General and the
5 prosecuting attorneys of Arkansas in such manner as it deems necessary and
6 proper;

7 (4) Have the authority to employ an executive secretary to carry out
8 the purposes and the mandates of the board and to supervise the other
9 employees of the board;

10 (5) Have the authority to employ a medical director, who shall hold a
11 valid license to practice medicine in this state, to evaluate medical issues
12 and to assist in investigations pending before the board;

13 (6) Have the power and authority to employ such secretarial and
14 administrative assistance as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of
15 the Arkansas Medical Practices Act, §§ 17-95-201 - 17-95-207, 17-95-301 - 17-
16 95-305, and 17-95-401 - 17-95-411, and the duties of the board to protect the
17 people of the State of Arkansas;

18 (7) Have the power and authority to employ one (1) or more inspectors
19 as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of the Arkansas Medical
20 Practices Act, §§ 17-95-201 - 17-95-207, 17-95-301 - 17-95-305, and 17-95-401
21 - 17-95-411, and the duties of the board to protect the people of the State
22 of Arkansas; ~~and~~

23 (8) Examine, as is provided for by law, all applicants for a license
24 to practice medicine in this state; and

25 (9) Make available to the public through the board's website the names
26 of physicians who have been the subject of malpractice claims, settlements,
27 and verdicts.

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