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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1181

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO CREATE THE TRANSITION TO PRESCRIPTIVE  
9 AUTHORITY ACT; TO AMEND THE PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY OF  
10 ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES; AND FOR OTHER  
11 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

14 TO CREATE THE TRANSITION TO PRESCRIPTIVE  
15 AUTHORITY ACT; AND TO AMEND THE  
16 PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY OF ADVANCED  
17 PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES.  
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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23 SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Title.

24 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Transition to  
25 Prescriptive Authority Act".  
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27 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 17-87-310 is amended to read as follows:  
28 17-87-310. Prescriptive authority.

29 (a) The Arkansas State Board of Nursing may grant a certificate of  
30 prescriptive authority to an advanced practice registered nurse who:

31 (1) Submits proof of successful completion of an Arkansas State  
32 Board of Nursing-approved advanced pharmacology course that shall include  
33 preceptorial experience in the prescription of drugs, medicines, and  
34 therapeutic devices; ~~and~~

35 (2) Either:

36 (A) Has a collaborative practice agreement with a



1 practicing physician who is licensed under the Arkansas Medical Practices  
 2 Act, § 17-95-201 et seq., § 17-95-301 et seq., and § 17-95-401 et seq., and  
 3 who has training in scope, specialty, or expertise to that of the advanced  
 4 practice registered nurse on file with the Arkansas State Board of Nursing;

5 (B) Completes a one-year nursing program, approved by the  
 6 Arkansas State Board of Nursing, in conjunction with:

7 (i) A physician; or

8 (ii) An advanced practice registered nurse who has  
 9 three (3) or more years of practice and a certificate of prescriptive  
 10 authority in good standing with the Arkansas State Board of Nursing; or

11 (C) Either holds:

12 (i) A certificate of prescriptive authority issued  
 13 by the Arkansas State Board of Nursing for three (3) years or more and is in  
 14 good standing with the Arkansas State Board of Nursing; or

15 (ii) If the state laws regarding prescriptive  
 16 authority are substantially similar to or more strict than the laws of  
 17 Arkansas pertaining to prescriptive authority, as determined by the Arkansas  
 18 State Board of Nursing, an advanced practice nursing license with  
 19 prescriptive authority in another state or an advanced practice nursing  
 20 license with a certificate of prescriptive authority in another state, for  
 21 three (3) years or more and is in good standing with the respective state  
 22 board or licensing authority; and

23 (3) Completes education hours and continuing education hours as  
 24 required by the Arkansas State Board of Nursing.

25 (b)(1) An advanced practice registered nurse with a certificate of  
 26 prescriptive authority may receive and prescribe drugs, medicines, or  
 27 therapeutic devices appropriate to the advanced practice registered nurse's  
 28 area of practice in accordance with rules established by the Arkansas State  
 29 Board of Nursing.

30 (2) An advanced practice registered nurse's prescriptive  
 31 authority shall extend ~~only to drugs listed in Schedules III - V and, if~~  
 32 ~~expressly authorized by the collaborative practice agreement, also to those~~  
 33 ~~hydrocodone combination products reclassified from Schedule III to Schedule~~  
 34 ~~II as of October 6, 2014~~ to drugs listed in Schedules II - V.

35 (3)(A) The Arkansas State Board of Nursing shall promptly adopt  
 36 rules applicable to an ~~advance~~ advanced practice registered nurse that are

1 consistent with the Arkansas State Medical Board's rules governing the  
2 prescription of dangerous drugs and controlled substances.

3 (B) ~~Prior to~~ Before approval of the Arkansas State Board  
4 of Nursing's rules, the Arkansas State Medical Board shall review the  
5 proposed rules and verify that the proposed rules are consistent with the  
6 Arkansas State Medical Board's rules concerning the prescription of dangerous  
7 drugs and controlled substances.

8 (c) A collaborative practice agreement shall include, but not be  
9 limited to, provisions addressing:

10 (1) The availability of the collaborating physician for  
11 consultation or referral, or both;

12 (2) Methods of management of the collaborative practice, which  
13 shall include protocols for prescriptive authority;

14 (3) Coverage of the healthcare needs of a patient in the  
15 emergency absence of the advanced practice registered nurse or physician; and

16 (4) Quality assurance.

17 (d) If a collaborative practice results in complaints of violations of  
18 the Arkansas Medical Practices Act, § 17-95-201 et seq., § 17-95-301 et seq.,  
19 and § 17-95-401 et seq., the Arkansas State Medical Board may review the role  
20 of the physician in the collaborative practice to determine if the physician  
21 is unable to manage his or her responsibilities under the agreement without  
22 an adverse effect on the quality of care of the patient.

23 (e) If a collaborative practice results in complaints of violations of  
24 this chapter, the Arkansas State Board of Nursing may review the role of the  
25 advanced practice registered nurse in the collaborative practice to determine  
26 if the nurse is unable to manage his or her responsibilities under the  
27 agreement without an adverse effect on the quality of care of the patient.

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