

**ARKANSAS SENATE**  
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**Amendment Form**

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**Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 339**

TO AMEND THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM TO MANDATE PRESCRIBERS  
CHECK THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM WHEN PRESCRIBING CERTAIN  
MEDICATIONS.

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**Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill No. 339**

Amend Senate Bill No. 339 as originally introduced:

Page 1, delete lines 30 through 35, and substitute the following:

"(2)(A) A prescriber shall check the information in the  
Prescription Drug Monitoring Program when prescribing:

(i) An opioid from Schedule II or Schedule III for  
every time prescribing the medication to a patient; and

(ii) A benzodiazepine medication for the first time  
prescribing the medication to a patient.

(B) A licensing board that licenses practitioners who have  
the authority to prescribe shall adopt rules requiring the practitioners to  
check the information in the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program as  
described in subsection (d) of this section.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 20-7-611, concerning unlawful acts and penalties regarding the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(i) A practitioner who purposely fails to access the Prescription Drug  
Monitoring Program as required by § 20-7-604(d) is subject to disciplinary  
action by the licensing board of the practitioner."



The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and \_\_\_\_\_

By: Senator J. Hutchinson

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Secretary