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."