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5 By: Senator Irvin

6 By: Representative L. Johnson

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO MODIFY THE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR  
10 CERTIFICATION TO PRACTICE AS AN ORTHOTIC ASSISTANT,  
11 ORTHOTIC/PROSTHETIC ASSISTANT, OR PROSTHETIC  
12 ASSISTANT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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## Subtitle

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17 TO MODIFY THE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR  
18 CERTIFICATION TO PRACTICE AS AN ORTHOTIC  
19 ASSISTANT, ORTHOTIC/PROSTHETIC  
20 ASSISTANT, OR PROSTHETIC ASSISTANT.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-107-304 is amended to read as follows:

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17-107-304. Orthotic assistants, orthotic/prosthetic assistants, and  
26 prosthetic assistants.

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An applicant for certification to practice as an orthotic assistant, an  
28 orthotic/prosthetic assistant, or a prosthetic assistant shall submit to the  
29 Arkansas Orthotics, Prosthetics, and Pedorthics Advisory Board written  
30 evidence verified by oath that the applicant either:

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(1) Meets the following requirements:

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(A) Possesses a high school diploma or comparable  
33 credential approved by the board;

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~~(2)~~ (B) Has a minimum of:

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(i) Three ~~three~~ (3) years of experience in the field  
36 in which the individual is seeking licensure as an assistant; or



1                    (ii) Two (2) years of experience in the field in  
2 which the individual is seeking licensure as an assistant and has a minimum  
3 of three (3) semester hours of higher education in the subjects of human  
4 anatomy and physiology and medical terminology; and

5                    ~~(3)(C)~~ Has written documentation from a prosthetist or an  
6 orthotist that the applicant is qualified to perform as an assistant in the  
7 field in which the individual is seeking licensure as an assistant; or

8                    (2)(A) Has graduated from a master's level orthotic,  
9 prosthetic, or orthotic/prosthetic educational program approved by the  
10 National Commission on Orthotic and Prosthetic Education and is in a  
11 residency program.

12                    (B) An orthotic assistant, an orthotic/prosthetic  
13 assistant, or a prosthetic assistant certified under subdivision (2)(A) of  
14 this section shall maintain certification until he or she completes the  
15 residency program.

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