

**AGENDA (REVISED 3-28-07/6:47 P.M.)**  
**House Committee on Public Health, Welfare and**  
**Labor**  
**86th General Assembly**  
**Regular Session, 2007**

**Thursday, March 29, 2007**  
**10:00 AM**  
**Room 130, State Capitol**  
**Little Rock, Arkansas**

Rep. Eddie Cooper, Chair  
 Rep. Johnny Key, Vice Chair  
 Rep. Stan Berry  
 Rep. Susan Schulte  
 Rep. Sandra Prater  
 Rep. Denny Sumpter

Rep. Daryl Pace  
 Rep. Jim Medley  
 Rep. Marilyn Edwards  
 Rep. Roy Ragland  
 Rep. Rick Green  
 Rep. Willie Hardy  
 Rep. Pam Adcock

Rep. Stephanie Flowers  
 Rep. Gregg Reep  
 Rep. Dawn Creekmore  
 Rep. Mike Burris  
 Rep. Sharon Dobbins  
 Rep. Billy Gaskill  
 Rep. Eddie Hawkins

**CONCUR IN SENATE AMENDMENTS**

| <b>Number</b> | <b>Sponsor</b> | <b>Subtitle</b>   |
|---------------|----------------|---|
| HB2705        | Saunders       | AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS MANUFACTURED HOMES STANDARDS ACT TO COMPLY WITH FEDERAL GUIDELINES.  |
| HB2626        | Sample         | THE ARKANSAS PHARMACY AUDIT BILL OF RIGHTS.   |
| HB2646        | Adcock         | TO ESTABLISH THE ARKANSAS REHABILITATION SERVICES LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM FOR COUNSELORS EMPLOYED BY ARKANSAS REHABILITATION SERVICES. |
| HB1753        | House          | TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS ACT.  |

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS at 11:00 a.m.**

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| HB1339        | D. Evans       | TO PROVIDE PAYMENT OF MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR WORK-RELATED INJURIES UNLESS CONTROVERTED BY THE EMPLOYER AND TO AMEND A PORTION OF THE ARKANSAS CODE WHICH RESULTED FROM INITIATED ACT 4 OF 1948. |

**REGULAR AGENDA**

| <b>Number</b> | <b>Sponsor</b> | <b>Subtitle</b>   |
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| HB2291        | Harrelson      | THE LANDFILL METHANE DEVELOPMENT ACT.   |
| HB2344        | Sumpter        | AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE LAWS REGARDING THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE HEALTH SERVICES PERMIT AGENCY.  |
| HB2356        | Stewart        | AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 8-6-404 TO ADD A SURCHARGE TO THE FINES FOR LITTERING.  |
| HB2387        | D. Evans       | TO PERMIT AN APOLOGY TO AN INJURED PATIENT BY A HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR, PHYSICIAN, OR HEALTH CARE WORKER TO BE EXCLUDED FROM EVIDENCE UNLESS THE APOLOGY MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS FOR AN EXCITED UTTERANCE. |
| HB2523        | Schulte        | AN ACT TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR PERMITTING AND INSPECTING ONSITE PRIVATE SEWER TREATMENT PLANTS.   |

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| HB2529  | Pace      | TO PROVIDE THE CIRCUMSTANCE UNDER WHICH THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION MAY ALLOW A CLAIMANT EMPLOYEE TO CHANGE PHYSICIANS.   |
| HB2533  | L. Smith  | AN ACT TO AMEND 11-9-113 TO PROVIDE FOR THE COMPENSABILITY OF MENTAL INJURY OR ILLNESS AND TO AMEND A PORTION OF THE ARKANSAS CODE WHICH RESULTED FROM INITIATED ACT 4 OF 1948.  |
| HB2539  | Schulte   | AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT PRIVATE SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEMS ARE APPROVED FOR SIZING AND PERCOLATION BEFORE A TRANSFER OF TITLE IS COMPLETED.   |
| HB2567  | Pace      | TO CLARIFY THAT THE "MADE-WHOLE" DOCTRINE IS INAPPLICABLE TO A THIRD-PARTY CLAIM MADE BY AN EMPLOYEE CLAIMANT WHO MAY MAKE A CLAIM UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW.  |
| HB2568  | Pace      | TO CLARIFY CERTAIN PROTECTIONS AGAINST THE RELEASE OF PATIENT DATA.  |
| HB2574  | Pace      | TO CORRECT THE DISABILITY BENEFITS PAYABLE UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW FOR AN EMPLOYEE WHO SUSTAINS A PERMANENT COMPENSABLE INJURY.  |
| HB2603  | Cooper    | AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING PERMITS OF APPROVAL FOR PSYCHIATRIC RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITIES.  |
| HB2617  | Powers    | AN ACT TO REPEAL OBSOLETE LAWS REQUIRING SCREENING FOR SCOLIOSIS.  |
| HB2675  | Anderson  | AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 11-9-501 CONCERNING THE COMPENSATION RATE FOR DEATH AND DISABILITY AND TO AMEND A PORTION OF THE ARKANSAS CODE WHICH RESULTED FROM INITIATED ACT 4 OF 1948.                                    |
| HB2683  | Pickett   | AN ACT AMENDING ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING FIRE PREVENTION.   |
| HCR1040 | Pickett   | REQUESTING THAT THE JOINT PERFORMANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE STUDY THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF THE FAYETTEVILLE SHALE PLAY ON THE WATER SUPPLY OF THE FAYETTEVILLE SHALE REGION.   |
| HB2805  | T. Baker  | AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE NURSES TO PRONOUNCE DEATH FOR RESIDENTS OF LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES.  |
| SB783   | Bisbee    | AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT RESIDENTIAL BUILDING CONTRACTORS BE GIVEN NOTICE AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO REPAIR.  |
| HB1702  | Sumpter   | AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 11-10-210 TO CLARIFY THE EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF A LOCUM TENENS PHYSICIAN.  |
| SB942   | Critchler | AN ACT TO INCREASE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE TASK FORCE ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT SERVICES.   |
| HB2687  | Woods     | CONCERNING CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES AND SUSPENSION, DISCHARGE, OR REDUCTION IN RANK OR COMPENSATION.  |
| HB2770  | Stewart   | AN ACT TO CONTROL LITTER IN ARKANSAS; TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS JAIL INMATE ANTILITTER PROGRAM AND TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS ANTILITTER FUND TO FUND THE ARKANSAS JAIL INMATE ANTILITTER PROGRAM BY IMPOSING AN ENVIRONMENTAL FEE. |
| HB2467  | Pate      | TO REGULATE LICENSED AND UNLICENSED RESIDENTIAL BUILDING CONTRACTORS, TO REQUIRE LICENSED AND NONLICENSED RESIDENTIAL CONTRACTORS TO POST BOND, AND TO IMPOSE FINES FOR VIOLATING BUILDING CODES.                            |
| HB2261  | Pate      | TO CONTROL THE DISTRIBUTION OF CERTAIN INGREDIENTS UTILIZED TO MANUFACTURE METHAMPHETAMINE.  |
| HB2450  | Hyde      | TO PREQUALIFY BIDDERS FOR PUBLIC CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS AND TO ESTABLISH A FAIR PROCEDURE FOR AWARDING BIDS.   |
| SB829   | Broadway  | AN ACT TO PROTECT PROPERTY OWNERS FROM CONTAMINATION BY MANUFACTURING OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AND TO CREATE A PROGRAM FOR REMEDIATION AND NOTIFICATION OF CONTAMINATED PROPERTY.  |
| HB2349  | Bond      | TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 23-99-411 TO DECREASE THE AMOUNT OF TIME ALLOWED FOR PROCESSING APPLICATIONS OF PROVIDERS.  |
| SB820   | Critchler | AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR PUBLIC GUARDIANSHIP OF INCAPACITATED ADULTS.   |

#### DEFERRED BILLS

| Number | Sponsor  | Subtitle   |
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| HB1123 | Saunders | AN ACT TO PROTECT PETS; TO INCREASE THE PENALTY FOR SERIOUSLY INJURING PETS. |

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| HB1217 | S. Prater     | AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE TIME FOR RECOUPMENT OF HEALTH CARE INSURANCE PAYMENTS.   |
| HB1218 | S. Prater     | AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE OF PHYSICAL THERAPISTS.  |
| HB1283 | Shelby        | TO IMPROVE THE PROCEDURES CONCERNING CORONER'S DEATH INVESTIGATIONS.   |
| HB1382 | Bond          | AN ACT TO REPEAL THE REQUIREMENT THAT ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES OBTAIN PERMITS OF APPROVAL.   |
| HB1470 | Moore         | AN ACT TO CLARIFY THAT THE REQUIRED MEDICAID ASSIGNMENT OF RIGHTS IS A STATUTORY CLAIM OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.   |
| HB1821 | Maxwell       | THE ARKANSAS FAIR TRADE PRACTICES FOR PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS ACT.  |
| HB2024 | S. Prater     | AN ACT TO PLACE SCHOOL IMMUNIZATIONS UNDER THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH.  |
| HB2025 | S. Prater     | AN ACT TO EXPAND THE IMMUNIZATION REGISTRY.  |
| HB2250 | D. Hutchinson | AN ACT TO REQUIRE DOG OWNERS TO PAY FOR MEDICAL COSTS WHEN DOGS INJURE CHILDREN.   |
| HB2303 | Wells         | AN ACT TO PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY FOR HOSPITALS THAT HAVE PHARMACY PERMITS IN PURCHASING AND DISPENSING MEDICINES.   |
| HB2328 | Rosenbaum     | AN ACT TO PROHIBIT REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS FROM LIVING NEAR A LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY.  |
| HB2400 | Adcock        | AN ACT TO SUSTAIN THE AUTONOMY OF REHABILITATIVE SERVICES FOR PERSONS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS.   |
| HB2421 | Wells         | AN ACT TO ALLOW A NONPROFIT, TAX-EXEMPT, OR GOVERNMENTALLY FUNDED HOSPITAL TO OBTAIN A PHARMACY PERMIT WITH CERTAIN LIMITATIONS.   |
| HB2449 | Kidd          | TO MANDATE HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR AUTISM AND RELATED DISORDERS.   |
| HB2464 | S. Dobbins    | AN ACT TO REGULATE THE PREPARATION AND USE OF BACKGROUND CHECKS INCLUDING INTERNET BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR EMPLOYMENT PURPOSES.  |
| HB2488 | Bond          | AN ACT TO ESTABLISH HEALTH ENTERPRISE ZONES.   |
| HB2491 | Shelby        | AN ACT TO GRANT IMMUNITY FROM LIABILITY TO LICENSED MEDICAL AND DENTAL PROFESSIONALS DURING A DECLARED DISASTER.   |
| HB2524 | Schulte       | AN ACT TO ESTABLISH PENALTIES FOR PRIVATE SEWER TREATMENT PLANTS THAT FAIL DURING THE FIRST YEAR AFTER INSTALLATION.   |
| HB2526 | Schulte       | AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN ON-LINE DISCLOSURE PROGRAM FOR PRIVATE SEWER TREATMENT PLANTS.  |
| HB2570 | Pace          | TO AMEND ACT 1813 OF 2005 REGARDING ELEVATOR SAFETY.   |
| HB2576 | Breedlove     | AN ACT TO INCREASE BY TEN DOLLARS (\$10.00) THE AMOUNT THAT NURSING HOME PATIENTS MAY KEEP IN THE NURSING HOME.  |
| HB2577 | S. Prater     | AN ACT TO REVISE THE LAW REGARDING THE STATE BOARD OF NURSING.   |
| HB2580 | Pate          | TO AMEND VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING OFFICIAL INSIGNIA OF LAW ENFORCEMENT.  |
| HB2598 | Adcock        | TO INCREASE THE STATE MINIMUM WAGE.  |
| HB2605 | Reep          | AN ACT TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS INCOME ENHANCEMENT AND ANTI-POVERTY PROGRAM.   |
| HB2610 | Hardy         | TO PROTECT CITIZENS SUFFERING FROM MENTAL ILLNESS; TO LIMIT MEDICAID RESTRICTIONS ON MENTAL HEALTH MEDICATIONS.  |
| HB2616 | Powers        | TO MAKE IT UNLAWFUL TO SELL CANNED COMPRESSED AIR CONTAINING TETRAFLUOROETHANE TO A MINOR.   |
| HB2634 | Rosenbaum     | AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE EXEMPTIONS TO THE COUNSELOR LICENSING LAW.   |
| HB2654 | Adcock        | AN ACT TO CREATE A PROGRAM TO FORGIVE STUDENT LOANS TO EMPLOYEES OF THE ARKANSAS REHABILITATION SERVICES.  |
| HB2698 | Saunders      | THE ENVIRONMENTAL SELF-DISCLOSURE INCENTIVE ACT.   |
| HB2710 | Maxwell       | TO DECREASE THE PERIOD OF TIME REQUIRED FOR A PLUMBER TO BE LICENSED AS A MASTER PLUMBER OR A JOURNEYMAN PLUMBER TO ADDRESS THE SHORTAGE OF PLUMBERS IN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS. |

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| HB2717 | King       | TO AMEND THE PROCESS BY WHICH A LANDLORD EVICTS A TENANT.   |
| HB2720 | S. Dobbins | TO MINIMIZE THE SPREAD OF THE INFECTIOUS DISEASES OF HEPATITIS B AND HEPATITIS C CARRIED BY INMATES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION AND TO REQUIRE TESTING OR SCREENING OF INMATES UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES. |
| HB2757 | E. Brown   | TO PROMOTE THE HIRING AND RETENTION OF HANDICAPPED WORKERS BY ENSURING THE SOLVENCY OF THE SECOND INJURY FUND AND TO AMEND A PORTION OF THE ARKANSAS CODE WHICH RESULTED FROM INITIATED ACT 4 OF 1948.          |
| HB2782 | Wills      | AN ACT TO CREATE A VOLUNTARY STATEWIDE HEALTHY DATA MANAGEMENT AND MONITORING SYSTEM.   |
| HB2791 | Wills      | AN ACT TO EXPAND AND IMPROVE HEALTH CARE IN ARKANSAS.   |
| HB2795 | Flowers    | AN ACT CONCERNING EQUITY IN STATE WAGES AND STATE CONTRACTS.  |
| HB2806 | Bond       | AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE REGENERATIVE MEDICINE ENHANCEMENT ACT.  |
| HB2809 | Greenberg  | TO REQUIRE COMPETITIVE BIDDING ON PUBLIC PROJECTS.  |