

AGENDA
House Committee on Public Health, Welfare and Labor
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UPON ADJOURNMENT OF HOUSE
Room 130, State Capitol
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REGULAR AGENDA

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
HB1703	Shelby	TO CLARIFY THE PATIENT PROTECTION AND ANY WILLING PROVIDER LAWS; TO REQUIRE THE STATE EMPLOYEE AND PUBLIC SCHOOL PERSONNEL HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS TO COMPLY WITH ARKANSAS'S PATIENT PROTECTION AND ANY WILLING PROVIDER LAWS.
HB1866	J. Burris	AN ACT TO MODERNIZE THE ALLOWANCE FOR FURNISHING BOARD, LODGING, APPAREL, ETC., UNDER THE MINIMUM WAGE LAW.
HB1891	Nickels	TO ESTABLISH A UNIFIED HEALTH CARE BENEFIT PROGRAM FOR ALL PUBLICLY FUNDED EMPLOYEES AND RETIRED EMPLOYEES.
HB1920	Maloch	TO PLACE REASONABLE RESTRICTIONS ON YOUTHFUL CONSUMERS WHO UTILIZE TANNING FACILITIES.
HB1927	Shelby	AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ARKANSAS STATE MEDICAL BOARD TO DISCIPLINE PHYSICIANS FOR ETHICAL VIOLATIONS.
HB1930	Adcock	TO REQUIRE HEARING AIDS TO BE COVERED BY HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS.
SB63	Madison	AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CORRECTIONS TO TITLE 20 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE OF 1987 ANNOTATED.
SB64	Madison	AN ACT TO MAKE VARIOUS CORRECTIONS TO TITLE 11 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE OF 1987 ANNOTATED, SOME PORTIONS OF WHICH RESULTED FROM INITIATED ACT 4 OF 1949.
SB356	Broadway	AN ACT TO ENSURE THAT PATIENTS CAN BE TRANSPORTED TO THE FACILITY OF CHOICE WITHOUT REGARD TO SERVICE AREA RESTRICTIONS.
SB595	Laverty	TO AMEND THE PROCEDURES FOR REMOVAL OF A PERSON S NAME FROM THE CHILD MALTREATMENT CENTRAL REGISTRY.
HB1950	Shelby	AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE COMMUNITY MATCH INCOME INCENTIVE PROGRAM THROUGH THE ARKANSAS RURAL MEDICAL PRACTICE STUDENT LOAN AND SCHOLARSHIP BOARD.
HB1951	Pyle	TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE MASSAGE THERAPY ACT.
HB1985	Clemmer	TO CLARIFY AN LIABILITIES REGARDING FAILURE TO RECEIVE WRITTEN APPROVAL BEFORE DISPOSING OF FUNDS THAT SHOULD BE HELD FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF MEDICAID COSTS.

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HB1997	Hall	AN ACT TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS OF LAW REGARDING THE DISTRIBUTION OF DRUG SAMPLES.
HB1998	L. Cowling	AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE PERMITS OF APPROVAL FOR HOSPICES IN BORDER CITIES.
HB2015	M. Burris	TO EXEMPT EMPLOYER AND TRADE ASSOCIATION TRAINING FROM THE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS OF THE STATE BOARD OF PRIVATE CAREER EDUCATION.
HB2027	Hall	TO CLARIFY THE DEFINITION OF PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER.
HB2032	Allen	AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS EARTHQUAKE PROGRAM BY INCREASING DISASTER PREPAREDNESS.
HB2033	M. Burris	TO CREATE A TASK FORCE ON WATER QUALITY.
HB2036	Wells	TO CREATE THE HEALTH CARE COST STABILIZATION ACT OF 2009.
HB2038	Wells	TO CREATE THE INFORMED MEDICAL PATIENT ACT OF 2009.
HB2052	Dismang	TO ENSURE SUFFICIENT DEPOSITS INTO A CEMETERY COMPANY'S PERMANENT MAINTENANCE FUND AND TO DEFINE A LAWN CRYPT.
HB2055	Dismang	TO AMEND THE CEMETERY ACT FOR PERPETUALLY MAINTAINED CEMETERIES, 20-17-1001 ET SEQ.
HB2057	Reep	TO PROTECT EMERGENCY RESPONSE WORKERS THROUGH EVALUATIONS OF INDIVIDUALS SUSPECTED OF INFECTING AN EMERGENCY RESPONSE WORKER WITH A LIFE-THREATENING DISEASE.
HB2088	Shelby	TO CREATE PHYSICIAN PROFILING PROGRAMS AND TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT TO ADOPT RULES FOR PHYSICIAN PROFILING PROGRAMS.
HB2089	Shelby	AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM.
HB2136	Hall	TO REQUIRE CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED TO THE ARKANSAS STATE MEDICAL BOARD S CREDENTIALING INFORMATION SYSTEM.
HB2138	Hopper	AN ACT TO REQUIRE THAT ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES HAVE EMERGENCY GENERATORS.
HB2143	Harrelson	AN ACT TO ADD TWO BOARD MEMBERS TO THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF ACUPUNCTURE AND RELATED TECHNIQUES.
HB2168	J. Rogers	AN ACT TO EXTEND THE TIME UNDER WHICH ACTION ON A LIEN MAY BE TAKEN UNDER THE MEDICAL, NURSING, HOSPITAL, AND AMBULANCE SERVICE LIEN ACT.
HB2175	King	AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW CONCERNING THE USE OF CONTRACTORS ON CERTAIN PROJECTS.
HB2188	Blount	AN ACT TO PROVIDE HOSPITAL CHARITY CARE TRANSPARENCY AND TO PROHIBIT UNFAIR DEBT COLLECTIONS BY HOSPITALS.
HB2189	Blount	THE ARKANSAS PATIENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE ACT.
HB2218	Carroll	TO PROVIDE RESIDENTIAL TENANTS RELIEF FROM FORECLOSURE AND EVICTION PROCEEDINGS.
SB318	Bookout	CONCERNING LICENSE FEES FOR BURIAL ASSOCIATIONS.
SB582	Teague	AN ACT TO LEVY AN ASSESSMENT FEE ON HOSPITALS TO IMPROVE HEALTH CARE ACCESS FOR THE CITIZENS OF ARKANSAS.
HB2244	Maloch	TO PROVIDE HEALTH BENEFIT COVERAGE FOR AN ORTHOTIC DEVICE, AN ORTHOTIC SERVICE, A PROSTHETIC DEVICE, AND A PROSTHETIC SERVICE.
HB2257	Ragland	TO AMEND THE HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY ACT TO ADJUST THE EXPENDITURE LIMIT FOR ALTERATIONS OR RENOVATIONS.
HB1633	Reep	AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE AUTHORITY OF FOSTER PARENTS AND PREADOPTIVE PARENTS REGARDING CONSENT TO MEDICAL TREATMENT.
HB1134	Hall	THE HEALTH CARE ACCESS IMPROVEMENT ACT.
SB143	Broadway	AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE LICENSURE OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PERSONNEL.
SB1002	Steele	TO MODIFY THE ARKANSAS MINORITY HEALTH COMMISSION AND TO EXPAND AND CLARIFY THE DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION.

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Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
HB1575	L. Smith	AN ACT TO PROSCRIBE UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT BY PHYSICIANS WITH REGARD TO

ANATOMIC PATHOLOGY SERVICES.

DEFERRED BILLS

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
HB1003	King	AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE INCLUSION OF PHYSICIANS, NURSES, AND OTHER MEDICAL PERSONNEL IN THAT CLASSIFICATION OF MEDICAL PERSONNEL WHO CAN USE EMERGENCY FLASHING LIGHTS ON THEIR VEHICLES IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS.
HB1108	L. Smith	AN ACT TO PREVENT PHYSICIANS FROM REFERRING PATIENTS TO MEDICAL IMAGING ENTITIES IN WHICH THE PHYSICIANS HAVE A FINANCIAL INTEREST.
HB1216	Shelby	AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE ARKANSAS STATE MEDICAL BOARD AND THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF NURSING TO DEVELOP A JOINT APPLICATION FOR COLLABORATIVE AGREEMENTS BETWEEN COLLABORATING PHYSICIANS AND ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSES.
HB1238	Garner	TO CREATE AND FUND THE TRAUMA SYSTEM TRUST FUND.
HB1275	J. Burris	THE "RON HENSON EMPLOYER FAIRNESS ACT".
HB1281	Carter	AN ACT TO REQUIRE ALL PERSONS RECEIVING BENEFITS THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO UNDERGO RANDOM TESTING FOR ILLEGAL DRUGS.
HB1389	Reep	TO REQUIRE ONE (1) COMPREHENSIVE EYE AND VISION EXAMINATION BY A LICENSED OPTOMETRIST OR OPHTHALMOLOGIST FOR CHILDREN ENTERING A PUBLIC SCHOOL OR A PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL FOR THE FIRST YEAR IN PRE-K, KINDERGARTEN, OR GRADE ONE.
HB1419	Wells	TO PROTECT NURSING HOME RESIDENTS FROM THE THREAT OF FIRE; TO PROHIBIT TAMPERING WITH SMOKE DETECTORS AND FIRE EXTINGUISHERS IN NURSING HOMES WHEN AN EMERGENCY HAS BEEN SOUNDED.
HB1472	R. Green	TO IMPROVE THE LOCAL CONTROL OF SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BY ALLOWING FOR AN ALTERNATIVE FORMATION OF A SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
HB1520	T. Rogers	TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF A COMMERCIAL OR RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION JOB REQUIRING A CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE.
HB1565	Reep	AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE ARKANSAS TASK FORCE ON PREMATURETY AND INFANT MORTALITY.
HB1603	Shelby	TO IMPROVE THE INVESTIGATION AND CERTIFICATION OF DEATH IN ARKANSAS.
HB1641	Saunders	AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A PROVIDER FEE FOR INTERMEDIATE CARE FACILITIES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES.
HB1797	English	TO CREATE THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY WORKFORCE SYSTEM TASK FORCE.
HB1922	Shelby	AN ACT TO CLARIFY CERTAIN TERMS AND PROVISIONS OF THE PATIENT PROTECTION ACT OF 1995.
HB1969	Clemmer	AN ACT CONCERNING THE ASSIGNMENT AND RECOVERY OF THIRD-PARTY LIABILITY FOR MEDICAID COSTS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES.
HB1988	Cooper	AN ACT TO ALLOW THE OPERATION OF MOBILE DENTAL FACILITIES UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS.
HB2056	Reep	TO RESTRUCTURE THE LANDFILL POST CLOSURE FUND.
HB2058	Reep	TO CREATE THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES OMNIBUS ACT.
HB2061	Everett	AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE RULES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH REGARDING SEPTIC SYSTEMS.
HB2091	Dunn	TO REESTABLISH FAIRNESS, TRANSPARENCY, AND COMPETITION IN THE BIDDING PRACTICES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLICLY FUNDED BUILDINGS, INFRASTRUCTURE, AND FACILITIES.
HB2127	Garner	TO REGULATE THE INSTALLATION OF ELECTRIC SIGNS AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION AND LICENSING OF PARTIES INVOLVED IN THE INSTALLATION OF ELECTRIC SIGNS.
HB2148	Greenberg	TO EXPAND THE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ARKANSAS CITIZENS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE

HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED CARE WAIVER UNDER THE STATE MEDICAID PROGRAM.

HB2177	Dunn	TO PROMOTE CONSUMER SAVINGS ON PRESCRIPTION DRUGS.
HB2178	Harrelson	TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE MONETARY LIMIT BEFORE A CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE FOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS IS REQUIRED.
HB2185	M. Burris	TO PROVIDE FOR ELEVATOR INSPECTIONS, ELEVATOR LOAD TESTS, AND FEES FOR ELEVATOR INSPECTIONS AND ELEVATOR LOAD TESTS.
HB2186	Sample	AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS PHARMACY AUDIT BILL OF RIGHTS.
HB2195	Pennartz	TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS MENTAL HEALTH PARITY ACT, 23-99-501 ET SEQ. AND TO MAKE CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO THE ACT CONSISTENT WITH FEDERAL LAW.
HB2196	Everett	TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING THE REGULATORY AUTHORITY OF THE DIVISION OF BEHAVIORAL SERVICES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES.
HB2204	Pyle	WALT'S LAW: TO ALLOW FOR THE CRYOGENIC TREATMENT THE HYPOGYCGOUDOLEBOISM SYSTEM.
HB2212	Shelby	TO CLARIFY WHEN EMPLOYEES OF NURSING FACILITIES ARE NOT REQUIRED TO INITIATE CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION FOR UNWITNESSED DEATHS.
HB2224	Adcock	TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO PERMIT AND INSPECT CONCESSION STANDS, BOTH STATIONARY AND MOBILE.