

"AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE STATE LONG TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIVISION OF AGING AND ADULT SERVICES WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO ESTABLISH AND ADMINISTER THE STATE LONG TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. THE ACT. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Long Term Care Ombudsman Act".

SECTION 2. AUTHORITY. The Division of Aging and Adult Services within the Department of Human Services shall establish and administer an Ombudsman program in accordance with the federal Older Americans Act, as amended, and all applicable Federal and State laws including the Arkansas Administrative Procedures Act.

SECTION 3. No ombudsman shall be denied access to any patient or resident in a long term care facility during any period of operation of the facility.

SECTION 4. REPEAL. All laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith are repealed.

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