

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas
2 84th General Assembly
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As Engrossed: S1/23/03

A Bill

Act 103 of 2003
SENATE BILL 27

5 By: Senator Gullett
6 By: Representatives Dees, Lendall
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For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS NURSE
11 PRACTICE ACT CONCERNING CRIMINAL BACKGROUND
12 CHECKS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 AN ACT TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE
15 ARKANSAS NURSE PRACTICE ACT CONCERNING
16 CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 *SECTION 1.* Arkansas Code § 17-87-312(f)(25), concerning criminal acts
23 that would invalidate a nurse's license, is amended to read as follows:

24 (25) ~~Theft~~ Felony theft of property, as prohibited in § 5-36-
25 103;
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27 *SECTION 2.* Arkansas Code § 17-87-312(h)(2), concerning waivers of
28 criminal background checks for purposes of nurse licensure, is amended to
29 read as follows:

30 (2) Circumstances for which a waiver may be granted shall
31 include, but not be limited to, the following:

- 32 (A) The age at which the crime was committed;
- 33 (B) The circumstances surrounding the crime;
- 34 (C) The length of time since the crime;
- 35 (D) Subsequent work history;
- 36 (E) Employment references;



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(F) Character references; and
(G) Other evidence demonstrating that the applicant does not pose a threat to the health or safety of ~~children~~ the public.

/s/ Gullett

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