For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO ABOLISH THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR HOSPITAL PHARMACIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO ABOLISH THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR HOSPITAL PHARMACIES.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-92-603 is repealed.

17-92-603. Advisory Committee for Hospital Pharmacies.

(a) There is created an Advisory Committee for Hospital Pharmacies to assist the Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy in the promulgation of rules, regulations, and standards for hospital pharmacies.

(b) The committee shall consist of five (5) members, each of whom shall be a licensed pharmacist.

(c)(1) The Arkansas Association of Hospital Pharmacists shall appoint the five (5) members of the committee.

(2) Each member shall serve for a term of three (3) years.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 17-92-604 is amended to read as follows:


(a) The Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy shall adopt, promulgate, and enforce such rules, regulations, and standards as may be necessary to the regulation of the operation of a hospital pharmacy and for the accomplishment of all other purposes of this subchapter.
(b)(1) The Advisory Committee for Hospital Pharmacies shall advise with the board concerning the rules, regulations, and standards to be promulgated by the board under this subchapter. No rule, regulation, or standard shall be promulgated by the board until it has consulted with the committee.

(2) The rules, regulations, and standards shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following specific matters:

(A) The number of licensed pharmacists and other hospital pharmacy technicians and the scope of duties to be performed by the hospital pharmacy technicians in the inpatient medication distribution system, in keeping with the size and scope of the services of the hospital and its hospital pharmacy and the hospital pharmacy's safe, efficient, and economical operation; and

(B) The equipment and supplies necessary to the hospital pharmacy's safe, efficient, and economical operation.

(c)(b) After consultation with the committee, from time to time, the board may modify, amend, or rescind the rules, regulations, and standards, provided the modification, amendment, or rescission does not in any manner defeat the purposes of this subchapter.

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