Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.
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A Bill

House Bill 1288

By: Representatives Boyd, M. Davis
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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO REMOVE DUPLICATIVE LANGUAGE REGARDING THE
PRESCRIPTIVE ABILITIES OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS,
OPTOMETRISTS, AND ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED
NURSES; TO PROVIDE THAT PHARMACISTS MAY FILL
PRESCRIPTIONS FOR ALL HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS WITH
PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY TO THE EXTENT OF THE SCOPE OF
PRACTICE FOR THAT HEALTHCARE PROFESSION; AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO REMOVE DUPLICATIVE LANGUAGE REGARDING
PRESCRIPTIVE ABILITIES; AND TO ENSURE A
PHARMACIST MAY FILL PRESCRIPTIONS FOR ALL
HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS WITH
PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY.

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


Pharmacists duly licensed in the State of Arkansas are authorized to
fill prescriptions in the State of Arkansas for duly licensed optometrists
thereof for pharmaceutical agents to be possessed, administered, or
prescribed by the optometrists pursuant to the provisions of § 17-90-101 et
seq.
Pharmacists licensed in the State of Arkansas are authorized to fill
prescriptions in the State of Arkansas for advanced practice registered
nurses holding certificates of prescriptive authority.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 17-92-112 is repealed.

(a) Pharmacists licensed in the State of Arkansas are hereby
authorized to fill prescriptions in the State of Arkansas for licensed
physician assistants for Schedule III-V controlled substances as described in
the Uniform Controlled Substances Act, §§ 5-64-101-5-64-510, and 21 C.F.R.
Part 1300.

(b) Physician assistant-generated prescriptions for controlled
substances must have the physician assistant's name and United States Drug
Enforcement Administration number and the supervising physician's name
communicated either verbally, in writing, or by electronic means. Controlled
substances, prescription medications, and products dispensed by a licensed
pharmacist to a patient per a physician assistant-generated prescription
shall state on the labeling prepared by the pharmacist the physician
assistant's name and "PA" behind the physician assistant's name. Pharmacists
shall carry out the physician assistant’s prescriptive request or order in
the same manner as they would for the physician assistant's supervising
physician. All prescriptions and orders issued by a physician assistant shall
also identify his or her supervising physician.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code Title 17, Chapter 92, Subchapter 1, is
amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

17-92-117. Prescriptions for all healthcare professionals.
(a) As used in this section, "healthcare professional" means a person
who is licensed, certified, or otherwise authorized by the laws of this state
to administer health care in the ordinary course of the practice of his or
her profession.

(b) A pharmacist licensed in the State of Arkansas may fill
prescriptions in the State of Arkansas for any healthcare professional who
has prescriptive authority to the extent of that healthcare professional's
scope of practice.

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