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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1128

5 By: Representative L. Johnson
6 By: Senator Irvin
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO ALLOW EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONDERS TO BE
10 *LICENSED*; TO AUTHORIZE EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONDERS
11 TO BE REIMBURSED BY INSURANCE COMPANIES AND THE
12 ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 *BE LICENSED; AND TO AUTHORIZE EMERGENCY*
17 *MEDICAL RESPONDERS TO BE REIMBURSED BY*
18 *INSURANCE COMPANIES AND THE ARKANSAS*
19 *MEDICAID PROGRAM.*
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-13-202(7), concerning the definition of
26 "emergency medical services personnel" within the Emergency Medical Services
27 Act, is amended to read as follows:

28 (7)(A) "Emergency medical services personnel" means an
29 individual licensed by the department at any level established by the rules
30 adopted by the State Board of Health under this subchapter and authorized to
31 perform those services set forth in the rules.

32 (B) These shall include without limitation emergency
33 medical responder, emergency medical technician, advanced emergency medical
34 technician, paramedic, emergency medical services instructor, or emergency
35 medical services instructor trainer;
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1 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 13, Subchapter 2, is
2 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

3 20-13-219. Emergency medical responders.

4 (a) The Department of Health shall establish a voluntary licensure
5 program for emergency medical responders.

6 (b) An emergency medical responder may be reimbursed by the Arkansas
7 Medicaid Program and an insurance company for providing emergency medical
8 services in the scope of his or her employment as an emergency medical
9 responder.

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11 /s/L. Johnson
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