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## A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1587

By: Representative L. Johnson  
By: Senator J. Boyd

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING THE ANY WILLING PROVIDER LAWS; TO  
AMEND THE PATIENT PROTECTION ACT OF 1995; AND FOR  
OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

CONCERNING THE ANY WILLING PROVIDER  
LAWS; AND TO AMEND THE PATIENT  
PROTECTION ACT OF 1995.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 23-99-203(d), concerning the definition of  
"healthcare provider" under the Patient Protection Act of 1995, is amended to  
read as follows:

(d) "Healthcare provider" means those individuals or entities licensed  
by the State of Arkansas to provide healthcare services, limited to the  
following:

- (1) Advanced practice nurses;
- (2) Athletic trainers;
- (3) Audiologists;
- (4) Certified behavioral health providers;
- (5) Certified orthotists;
- (6) Chiropractors;
- (7) Community mental health centers or clinics;
- (8) Dentists;
- (9) Home health care;
- (10) Hospice care;



- (11) Hospital-based services;
- (12) Hospitals;
- (13) Licensed ambulatory surgery centers;
- (14) Licensed certified social workers;
- (15) Licensed dietitians;
- (16) Licensed intellectual and developmental disabilities  
service providers;
- (17) Licensed professional counselors;
- (18) Licensed psychological examiners;
- (19) Long-term care facilities;
- (20) Occupational therapists;
- (21) Optometrists;
- (22) Pharmacists and pharmacies;
- (23) Physical therapists;
- (24) Physicians and surgeons (M.D. and D.O.);
- (25) Podiatrists;
- (26) Prosthetists;
- (27) Psychologists;
- (28) Respiratory therapists;
- (29) Rural health clinics; and
- (30) Speech pathologists.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 23-99-802(4), concerning the definition of "healthcare provider" as used under the any willing provider laws, is amended to read as follows:

(4) "Healthcare provider" or "provider" means those individuals or entities licensed by the State of Arkansas to provide healthcare services, limited to the following:

- (A) Advanced practice nurses;
- (B) Athletic trainers;
- (C) Audiologists;
- (D) Certified behavioral health providers;
- (E) Certified orthotists;
- (F) Chiropractors;
- (G) Community mental health centers or clinics;
- (H) Dentists;

(I) Home health care;  
(J) Hospice care;  
(K) Hospital-based services;  
(L) Hospitals;  
(M) Licensed ambulatory surgery centers;  
(N) Licensed certified social workers;  
(O) Licensed dietitians;  
(P) Licensed durable medical equipment providers;  
(Q) Licensed intellectual and developmental disabilities  
service providers;  
(R) Licensed professional counselors;  
(S) Licensed psychological examiners;  
(T) Long-term care facilities;  
(U) Occupational therapists;  
(V) Optometrists;  
(W) Pharmacists and pharmacies;  
(X) Physical therapists;  
(Y) Physicians and surgeons (M.D. and D.O.);  
(Z) Podiatrists;  
(AA) Prosthetists;  
(BB) Psychologists;  
(CC) Respiratory therapists;  
(DD) Rural health clinics;  
(EE) Speech pathologists; and  
(FF) Other healthcare practitioners as determined by the  
State Insurance Department in rules promulgated under the Arkansas  
Administrative Procedure Act, § 25-15-201 et seq.;

**APPROVED: 3/18/25**