1	State of Arkansas	
2	80th General Assembly ABII ACT 844 OF 1995	5
3	Regular Session, 1995 SENATE BILL 39	9
4	By: Senator Bookout	
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7	For An Act To Be Entitled	
8	"AN ACT TO GRANT IMMUNITY FROM CIVIL DAMAGES TO PHYSICIANS	
9	AND SURGEONS RENDERING FREE AND VOLUNTARY MEDICAL SERVICES	
10	AT FREE OR LOW-COST MEDICAL CLINICS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE	
11	REGISTRATION OF FREE OR LOW-COST MEDICAL CLINICS BY THE	
12	STATE BOARD OF HEALTH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."	
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14	Subtitle	
15	"AN ACT TO GRANT IMMUNITY FROM CIVIL	
16	DAMAGES TO PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS	
17	RENDERING FREE AND VOLUNTARY MEDICAL	
18	SERVICES AT FREE OR LOW-COST MEDICAL	
19	CLINICS."	
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21	BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:	
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23	SECTION 1. Retired physicians and surgeons who are still licensed to	
24	practice medicine by the Arkansas State Medical Board under the laws of the	
25	State of Arkansas, and who render medical services voluntarily and without	
26	compensation to any person at any free or low-cost medical clinic located in	
27	the State of Arkansas and registered by the State Board of Health, which	
28	accepts no insurance payments and provides medical services free of charge to	,
29	persons unable to pay or provides medical services for a nominal fee shall no	t
30	be liable for any civil damages for any act or omission resulting from the	
31	rendering of such medical services unless such act or omission was the result	
32	of such licensee's gross negligence or wilful misconduct.	
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34	SECTION 2. The Arkansas State Board of Health is empowered to adopt	
35	such rules and regulations as it may determine necessary to provide for	
36	registration of free or low-cost medical clinics under this act, provided suc	h

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1 rules and regulations shall require that each person, patient or client to 2 whom medical services are provided has been fully informed before any 3 treatment by the physician providing the services or by the staff of the 4 medical clinic of the immunity from civil suit provisions of this act, and has 5 acknowledged that fact in writing on a form approved or designated by the 6 State Department of Health. 7 SECTION 3. The State Board of Health and its members, and the State 9 Department of Health and its agents and employees are exempt and immune from 10 liability for any claims or damages when performing their duties pursuant to 11 this act. 12 The provisions of this act shall not affect the Arkansas 13 14 Volunteer Immunity Act , Arkansas Code Annotated §16-6-101 et seq. 15 16 SECTION 5. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature 17 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code 18 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code. 19 20 SECTION 6. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to 21 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect 22 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without 23 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this 24 act are declared to be severable. 25 26 SECTION 7. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are 27 hereby repealed. 28 /s/Bookout 29 30 APPROVED: 3-31-95 31 32 33 34