

**Hall of the House of Representatives**  
87th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2009  
**Amendment Form**

\*\*\*\*\*

**Subtitle of House Bill No. 1998**

"AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE PERMITS OF APPROVAL FOR HOSPICES IN BORDER  
CITIES."

\*\*\*\*\*

**Amendment No. 1 to House Bill No. 1998.**

Amend House Bill No. 1998 as originally introduced:

Delete lines 9 through 11 of the title and substitute the following:  
"AN ACT TO EXEMPT BORDER CITY HOSPICES FROM THE REQUIREMENT OF A PERMIT OF APPROVAL; TO AUTHORIZE HOSPICE LICENSURE WITHOUT A PERMIT OF APPROVAL TO SERVE BORDER CITY HOSPICE PATIENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

AND

Delete lines 14 and 15 of the subtitle and substitute the following:  
"AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE HOSPICE LICENSURE WITHOUT A PERMIT OF APPROVAL TO SERVE BORDER CITY HOSPICE PATIENTS."

AND

Page 1, delete line 21 and substitute the following:  
"continuity of care for hospice patients who are terminally ill and"

AND

Delete SECTION 2 in its entirety and substitute the following:  
"SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 20-7-117(c), concerning rules for hospices, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:  
(3)(A) A hospice agency licensed in another state's border city that borders the State of Arkansas is eligible for licensure to provide hospice services in Arkansas.  
(B) A hospice agency qualified for Arkansas licensure under this subdivision (c)(3) shall:  
(i) Be licensed only to provide services in a service area that consists of the adjoining Arkansas border city; and  
(ii)(a) Be exempt from the Arkansas permit of approval requirements for the service area described in this subdivision (c)(3).  
(b) A hospice agency exempted from the permit



of approval requirement under subdivision (c)(3)(B)(ii)(a) of this section is not exempt from the requirement of a permit of approval to serve any other area of the state.

(C) For purposes of this subdivision (c)(3), "border city" means a city with a population greater than twenty thousand (20,000) in a county that does not have a hospital, the city limit of which:

(i) Borders a state line; or

(ii) Adjoins another state by bordering a navigable river that adjoins the state line.

(D) The department may adopt rules necessary to establish hospice licensure for the limited purpose created in this subdivision (c)(3)."

The Amendment was read \_\_\_\_\_

By: Representative L. Cowling  
MGF/KSW - 03-24-2009 09:59  
MGF363

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Clerk