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Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill No. 1258

TO AUTHORIZE FULL INDEPENDENT PRACTICE AUTHORITY FOR CERTIFIED NURSE
PRACTITIONERS WHO MEET CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS; AND TO CREATE THE FULL INDEPENDENT
PRACTICE COMMITTEE.

Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 1258

Amend House Bill No. 1258 as originally introduced:

Add Senator K. Hammer as a cosponsor of the bill

AND

Page 1, line 11, delete "PRACTICE COMMITTEE" and substitute "PRACTICE
CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE"

AND

Delete the subtitle in its entirety and substitute:

"TO AUTHORIZE FULL INDEPENDENT PRACTICE
AUTHORITY FOR CERTIFIED NURSE
PRACTITIONERS WHO MEET CERTAIN
REQUIREMENTS; AND TO CREATE THE FULL
INDEPENDENT PRACTICE CREDENTIALING
COMMITTEE."

AND

Page 1, delete line 26, and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Legislative intent.

It is the intent of the General Assembly to:

(1) Provide a legitimate pathway to full practice authority for
certified nurse practitioners; and

(2) Reevaluate the composition of the Full Independent Practice
Credentialing Committee in three (3) years.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 17, Chapter 87, Subchapter 3, is"



AND

Page 1, line 34, delete "Full Independent Practice Committee" and substitute "Full Independent Practice Credentialing Committee"

AND

Page 2, line 2, delete "(B)(i)" and substitute "(B)"

AND

Page 2, line 3, delete "committee." and substitute "Full Independent Practice Credentialing Committee;"

AND

Page 2, delete lines 4 through 6

AND

Page 2, line 7, delete "ten thousand four" and substitute "six thousand two hundred forty (6,240)"

AND

Page 2, line 8, delete "hundred (10,400)"

AND

Page 2, delete line 11, and substitute the following:
"Full Independent Practice Credentialing Committee."

AND

Page 2, line 13, delete "two (2)" and substitute "three (3)"

AND

Page 2, line 14, delete "committee." and substitute "Full Independent Practice Credentialing Committee."

AND

Page 2, line 15, delete "committee" and substitute "Full Independent Practice Credentialing Committee"

AND

Page 2, line 18, delete "(c)(1)" and substitute "(c)"

AND

Page 2, delete lines 22 and 23

AND

Page 2, line 24, delete "Full Independent Practice Committee" and substitute "Full Independent Practice Credentialing Committee"

AND

Page 2, delete lines 26 through 36, and substitute the following:

"(2) The Full Independent Practice Credentialing Committee shall consist of the following members:

(A) The following members appointed by the Governor:

(i) Three (3) faculty physicians from each of the following institutions upon consulting with the heads of the institutions:

(a) The College of Medicine of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences;

(b) The Arkansas College of Osteopathic Medicine in Fort Smith; and

(c) The New York Institute of Technology College of Osteopathic Medicine at Arkansas State University in Jonesboro;

(ii) One (1) physician from the state at large;

(iii) Three (3) faculty certified nurse practitioners from each of the following institutions upon consulting with the heads of the institutions:

(a) The College of Nursing of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences;

(b) The Carr College of Nursing at Harding University; and

(c) The School of Nursing of the University of Central Arkansas; and

(iv) One (1) certified nurse practitioner from the state at large;

(B) The Director of the Arkansas State Medical Board as an ex officio nonvoting member; and

(C) The Director of the Arkansas State Board of Nursing as an ex officio nonvoting member."

AND

Page 3, delete lines 1 through 8

AND

Page 3, line 14, delete "committee" and substitute "Full Independent Practice Credentialing Committee"

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Page 3, line 14, delete "committee" and substitute "Full Independent Practice Credentialing Committee"

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Page 3, line 15, delete "committee" and substitute "Full Independent Practice Credentialing Committee"

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Page 3, line 18, delete "committee" and substitute "Full Independent Practice Credentialing Committee"

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Page 3, line 19, delete "committee" and substitute "Full Independent Practice Credentialing Committee"

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Page 3, line 20, delete "committee" and substitute "Full Independent Practice Credentialing Committee"

AND

Page 3, line 22, delete "committee" and substitute "Full Independent Practice Credentialing Committee"

AND

Page 3, line 24, delete "committee" and substitute "Full Independent Practice Credentialing Committee"

AND

Page 3, line 25, delete "(1)" and substitute "(1)(A)"

AND

Page 3, delete line 28, and substitute the following:
"authority for a certified nurse practitioner.

(B) If the Full Independent Practice Credentialing Committee denies an application for a certificate of full independent practice authority, the Full Independent Practice Credentialing Committee shall explain the reasons for the denial in writing to the applicant;"

AND

Page 3, delete lines 31 through 36

AND

Page 4, delete line 1

AND

Page 4, line 2, delete "(4)" and substitute "(3)"

AND

Page 4, line 4, delete "committee" and substitute "Full Independent Practice Credentialing Committee"

AND

Page 4, line 5, delete "recommendations; and" and substitute "recommendations;"

AND

Page 4, line 6, delete "(5)(A)" and substitute "(4)(A)"

AND

Page 4, delete line 10, and substitute the following:
"Full Independent Practice Credentialing Committee, at the time and place as the Full Independent Practice Credentialing Committee may direct, to show cause"

AND

Page 4, line 13, delete "committee" and substitute "Full Independent Practice Credentialing Committee"

AND

Page 4, line 15, delete "committee" and substitute "Full Independent Practice Credentialing Committee"

AND

Page 4, line 20, delete "committee" and substitute "Full Independent Practice Credentialing Committee"

AND

Page 4, line 22, delete "the revocation" and substitute "the suspension or revocation"

AND

Page 4, delete line 25, and substitute the following:

"practitioner; and

(5) Provide reports quarterly and upon request regarding the number of applicants approved and denied to the Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor and the House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor.

(f)(1) The Full Independent Practice Credentialing Committee may consult with the Arkansas State Medical Board or the Arkansas State Board of Nursing, or both, as determined by the Full Independent Practice Credentialing Committee based on the complaint.

(2) The Arkansas State Medical Board or the Arkansas State Board of Nursing, or both, may make recommendations to the Full Independent Practice Credentialing Committee."

AND

Page 4, line 26, delete "f" and substitute "g"

AND

Page 4, delete line 29, and substitute the following:

"Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act, § 25-15-201 et seq.

(h) A certified nurse practitioner with a certificate of full independent practice authority shall conspicuously identify the certificate of full independent practice authority and that the certified nurse practitioner is not required to have a collaborative practice agreement on:

(1) Signage in the office where the certified nurse practitioner practices; and

(2) A name tag, badge, or clothing.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 17-87-310(a), concerning prescriptive authority for advanced practice registered nurses, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The Arkansas State Board of Nursing may grant a certificate of prescriptive authority to an advanced practice registered nurse who:

(1) Submits proof of successful completion of an Arkansas State Board of Nursing-approved advanced pharmacology course that shall include preceptorial experience in the prescription of drugs, medicines, and therapeutic devices; and

(2) Has either:

(A) A certificate of full independent practice authority under § 17-87-314; or

(B) A ~~Has~~ a collaborative practice agreement with a practicing physician who is licensed under the Arkansas Medical Practices Act, § 17-95-201 et seq., § 17-95-301 et seq., and § 17-95-401 et seq., or a podiatrist licensed by the Arkansas Board of Podiatric Medicine under § 17-96-101 et seq., if employed by the podiatrist, and who has training in scope, specialty, or expertise to that of the advanced practice registered nurse on file with the Arkansas State Board of Nursing."

The Amendment was read _____
By: Representative L. Johnson
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