

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1998

5 By: Representative L. Cowling
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO EXEMPT BORDER CITY HOSPICES FROM THE
10 REQUIREMENT OF A PERMIT OF APPROVAL; TO AUTHORIZE
11 HOSPICE LICENSURE WITHOUT A PERMIT OF APPROVAL TO
12 SERVE BORDER CITY HOSPICE PATIENTS; AND FOR OTHER
13 PURPOSES.

Subtitle

14 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE HOSPICE LICENSURE
15 WITHOUT A PERMIT OF APPROVAL TO SERVE
16 BORDER CITY HOSPICE PATIENTS.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. The purpose of this act is to provide
23 continuity of care for hospice patients who are terminally ill and have a
24 life expectancy of six (6) months if the disease runs its normal course.
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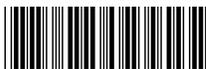
26 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 20-7-117(c), concerning rules for hospices,
27 is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

28 (3)(A) A hospice agency licensed in another state's border city
29 that borders the State of Arkansas and that was in operation on January 1,
30 2009, is eligible for licensure to provide hospice services in Arkansas.

31 (B) A hospice agency qualified for Arkansas licensure
32 under this subdivision (c)(3) shall:

33 (i) Be licensed only to provide services in a
34 service area that consists of the adjoining Arkansas border city; and

35 (ii)(a) Be exempt from the Arkansas permit of
36 approval requirements for the service area described in this subdivision



1 (c)(3).

2 (b) A hospice agency exempted from the permit
3 of approval requirement under subdivision (c)(3)(B)(ii)(a) of this section is
4 not exempt from the requirement of a permit of approval to serve any other
5 area of the state.

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

9 (i) Borders a state line; or

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

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

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15 /s/ L. Cowling
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