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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1687

5 By: Representative Penzo
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS REGARDING LOCATIONS
9 FOR AND GEOGRAPHIC AREAS OF A HOME HEALTHCARE
10 SERVICES AGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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13 TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS REGARDING
14 LOCATIONS FOR AND GEOGRAPHIC AREAS OF A
15 HOME HEALTHCARE SERVICES AGENCY.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-8-107(a), concerning expansion of
22 facilities or services, is amended to read as follows:

23 (a) Unless otherwise provided in this subchapter, all health
24 facilities seeking to add new beds or perform additional home health services
25 or to expand existing bed capacity ~~or home health services~~ shall apply for a
26 permit approving additional beds or services or expanded bed capacity or
27 services pursuant to procedures and criteria promulgated by the Health
28 Services Permit Commission, except a new permit shall not be required for a
29 health facility expanding the geographic area of home health services
30 currently licensed by the Department of Health if the health facility has a
31 primary or branch office located within one hundred (100) miles of the
32 expanded service area.
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34 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 20-10-806(b)(3)(B), concerning the
35 administration, rules, and standards of home healthcare services, is amended
36 to read as follows:



1 (B) Not require:

2 (i) A registered nurse to visit a patient every
3 sixty-two (62) days to supervise services; ~~or~~

4 (ii) For any home healthcare services agency in
5 existence as of April 1, 2021, or licensed afterwards:

6 (a) More than one (1) branch office or other
7 place of business to be physically located in the state; or

8 (b) A separate license indicating a geographic
9 limitation with respect to the provision of services; or

10 (iii) A branch office of a home healthcare services
11 agency that only provides unskilled home healthcare services to be within a
12 one-hundred-mile radius of a patient's home.

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