

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1687

5 By: Representative Penzo
6 By: Senator B. Davis
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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

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

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



1 to read as follows:

2 (B) Not require:

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

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

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

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

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

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15 /s/Penzo

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