

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

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HOUSE BILL 1687

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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

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16 TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS REGARDING  
17 LOCATIONS FOR AND GEOGRAPHIC AREAS OF A  
18 HOME HEALTHCARE SERVICES AGENCY.

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-8-107(a), concerning expansion of  
23 facilities or services, is amended to read as follows:

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(a) Unless otherwise provided in this subchapter, all health  
26 facilities seeking to add new beds or perform additional home health services  
27 or to expand existing bed capacity ~~or home health services~~ shall apply for a  
28 permit approving additional beds or services or expanded bed capacity or  
29 Services Permit Commission, except an additional permit shall not be required  
30 for home health services agencies currently licensed by the Department of  
31 Health to expand geographic service areas if the home health services agency  
32 has a primary or branch office located within one hundred (100) miles of the  
33 location of the services.

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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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