

AGENDA
House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor

Tuesday, February 19, 2019
15 Minutes Upon Adjournment of House
Room 130, State Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

Rep. Jack Ladyman, Chair
Rep. Deborah Ferguson, Vice-Chair
Rep. Fredrick J. Love
Rep. Jeff Wardlaw
Rep. Chris Richey
Rep. Stephen Magie
Rep. Josh Miller

Rep. Richard Womack
Rep. John Payton
Rep. Mary Bentley
Rep. Michelle Gray
Rep. Justin Gonzales
Rep. Kenneth B. Ferguson
Rep. Justin Boyd

Rep. Karilyn Brown
Rep. Austin McCollum
Rep. Bruce Coleman
Rep. Clint Penzo
Rep. Mark Perry
Rep. Lee Johnson

REGULAR AGENDA

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
HB1433	Rushing	TO AUTHORIZE INDIVIDUALS WITH PRIOR DRUG-RELATED OFFENSES TO WORK WITH INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT AS PEER SUPPORT SPECIALISTS OR SIMILAR POSITIONS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
HB1435	Pilkington	TO AUTHORIZE THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM TO REIMBURSE FOR RIDESHARING APPLICATIONS.
HB1439	Lundstrum	TO CREATE THE CHERISH ACT; AND TO PROHIBIT ABORTIONS AFTER EIGHTEEN (18) WEEKS' GESTATION EXCEPT IN A MEDICAL EMERGENCY.
HB1451	A. Collins	TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM; AND TO EXCLUDE CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENTS FROM GROSS INCOME USED FOR ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION.
HB1452	Barker	TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING REFERRALS ON CHILDREN BORN WITH FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDER.
HB1453	Penzo	TO CREATE THE PERINATAL HOSPICE INFORMATION ACT.
HB1471	C. Fite	TO CREATE THE MENTAL HEALTH FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE DEAF OR HARD OF HEARING BILL OF RIGHTS ACT.
HB1473	J. Mayberry	TO REQUIRE HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS OF MAMMOGRAPHY SERVICES TO NOTIFY AND INFORM PATIENTS ABOUT BREAST DENSITY.
HB1484	Watson	TO CLARIFY THE PROCEDURE FOR DISPOSITION OF UNCLAIMED BODIES IN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.
HB1102	Sullivan	TO ADDRESS THE UNDERSERVED STATUS OF A COUNTY AS A REQUIREMENT FOR LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION OF CERTAIN PROVIDERS.
HB1491	Miller	TO ELIMINATE THE WAITING LIST FOR THE ALTERNATIVE COMMUNITY SERVICES WAIVER PROGRAM, ALSO KNOWN AS THE "DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES WAIVER".
HR1029	D. Ferguson	PROCLAIMING THE WEEK BEGINNING MAY 6, 2019, AS TARDIVE DYSKINESIA AWARENESS WEEK.
SB172	G. Leding	TO AMEND THE LAWS REGARDING SOCIAL WORK LICENSING; TO CLARIFY THE LICENSING EXEMPTION FOR STUDENTS; AND TO CHANGE THE TERM "RECIPROCITY" TO "ENDORSEMENT".

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SB269	Bledsoe	TO UPDATE REFERENCES TO THE ACCREDITATION ORGANIZATION RELATED TO PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS.
SB270	Bledsoe	TO EXTEND THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR A SURGICAL TECHNOLOGIST.
SB271	Bledsoe	TO UPDATE REFERENCES TO AN ACCREDITATION ORGANIZATION RELATED TO OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY.
SB272	Bledsoe	TO REPEAL AN OBSOLETE LAW REGARDING THE RECORDING OF A CERTIFICATE BEFORE PRACTICING MEDICINE.
SB273	Bledsoe	TO CLARIFY THAT AN EXPERT WITNESS ACTING ON BEHALF OF A BOARD OF ANY PROFESSION OR OCCUPATION CLASSIFIED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS AS A PROFESSION OF THE HEALING ARTS HAS IMMUNITY; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
SB274	Bledsoe	TO ADD FELLOWSHIP AS A METHOD FOR A FOREIGN GRADUATE TO OBTAIN A LICENSE TO PRACTICE MEDICINE; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
SB294	K. Hammer	TO CLARIFY THAT CERTAIN ENTITIES ARE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE WORKFORCE SERVICES DATA UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SERVICES LAW.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS on 2-21-2019
HB1220

HB1220	Sullivan	TO AMEND THE TELEMEDICINE ACT; TO ENSURE THAT TELEMEDICINE IS THE LEAST RESTRICTIVE METHOD TO DELIVER HEALTHCARE SERVICES REMOTELY; AND TO EXPAND THE DEFINITION OF "PROFESSIONAL RELATIONSHIP".
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SCOPE OF PRACTICE BILLS

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
HB1164	Pilkington	TO AUTHORIZE A PHARMACIST TO DISPENSE ORAL CONTRACEPTIVES WITHOUT A PRESCRIPTION.
HB1230	Boyd	TO AUTHORIZE A PODIATRIST TO HAVE A COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE AGREEMENT WITH AN ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE.
HB1252	Magie	TO ESTABLISH THE ARKANSAS ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANT ACT; AND TO PROVIDE FOR LICENSURE OF ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANTS.
HB1253	Magie	TO AUTHORIZE A LICENSED DISPENSING OPTICIAN TO REFRACT EYES AND DISPENSE EYEGLASSES IN CERTAIN CONDITIONS.
HB1254	Magie	TO MODIFY THE DEFINITION OF "OPHTHALMIC DISPENSING" TO INCLUDE THE PREPARATION AND DISPENSING OF CONTACT LENSES.
HB1283	Gonzales	TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "PRACTICE OF CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHESIA"; TO CLARIFY THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE OF A CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETIST; AND TO REMOVE SUPERVISION REQUIREMENTS.
HB1282	Lundstrum	TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT FOR A MANDATORY COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE AGREEMENT FOR AN ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE TO HAVE PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY.
HB1284	Gonzales	TO AUTHORIZE THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM TO RECOGNIZE AN ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE AS A PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER.

HB1263	Eaves	TO AUTHORIZE A PHARMACIST TO INITIATE THERAPY AND ADMINISTER OR DISPENSE, OR BOTH, CERTAIN TYPES OF TOBACCO CESSATION; TO AUTHORIZE A PHYSICIAN TO ADMINISTER OR DISPENSE, OR BOTH, CERTAIN TYPES OF TOBACCO CESSATION.
HB1265	M. Gray	TO AUTHORIZE FULL INDEPENDENT PRACTICE AUTHORITY TO ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES WHO MEET CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS.
HB1267	Gonzales	TO AMEND THE PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY OF AN ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE.
HB1269	Magie	TO ALLOW PHARMACISTS TO MAKE BIOLOGICAL PRODUCT SUBSTITUTIONS.
HB1274	Pilkington	TO AUTHORIZE AN ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE WHO HAS SERVED A RURAL COMMUNITY TO PRACTICE WITHOUT A COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE AGREEMENT.
HB1275	Richey	TO CREATE THE COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER ACT.
HB1278	Gazaway	TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "PRACTICE OF PHARMACY" TO ALLOW VACCINES AND IMMUNIZATIONS TO BE GIVEN TO A PERSON FROM SEVEN (7) YEARS OF AGE TO EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS OF AGE UNDER A GENERAL WRITTEN PROTOCOL.
HB1288	Boyd	TO REMOVE DUPLICATIVE LANGUAGE REGARDING PRESCRIPTIVE ABILITIES; AND TO ENSURE A PHARMACIST MAY FILL PRESCRIPTIONS FOR ALL HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS WITH PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY.
HB1289	B. Smith	TO CREATE THE MEDICAL CONSCIENCE PROTECTION ACT.
HB1290	Pilkington	TO AMEND THE PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING THE PRACTICE OF PHARMACY; AND TO AUTHORIZE PHARMACISTS TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO AND ADMINISTRATION OF ORAL CONTRACEPTIVES.
HB1251	Eubanks	TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "PRACTICE OF OPTOMETRY"; TO EXPAND THE TYPES OF OPHTHALMIC SURGERY THAT MAY BE PERFORMED BY OPTOMETRISTS; AND TO MODERNIZE THE PRACTICE OF OPTOMETRY.

DEFERRED BILLS

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
HB1226	M. Gray	CONCERNING THE PURSUIT OF A NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE-DESIGNATED CANCER CENTER AT THE WINTHROP P. ROCKEFELLER CANCER INSTITUTE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FOR MEDICAL SCIENCES.
HB1281	Ladyman	TO AMEND AND UPDATE THE LAWS REGARDING TREATMENT FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES; AND TO ENSURE RESPECTFUL LANGUAGE IS USED REGARDING INDIVIDUALS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES.
HB1257	Boyd	TO AUTHORIZE AND CLARIFY THE METHOD OF RELEASING CLAIMS AND ENROLLMENT DATA BY HEALTH INSURERS THAT PROVIDE HEALTHCARE COVERAGE TO ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS IN THE ARKANSAS WORKS PROGRAM.
HB1323	D. Douglas	TO REQUIRE THE OFFICE OF LONG-TERM CARE NOT TO ADOPT RULES OR STANDARDS THAT ARE STRICTER THAN THE FEDERAL MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFIED NURSING AIDES OR ASSISTANTS AND CERTIFIED NURSING AIDE OR ASSISTANT INSTRUCTORS.
HB1334	Maddox	TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF PERSONS SERVED UNDER THE ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAM; TO REMOVE A LIMITATION ON THE NUMBER OF PERSONS SERVED AT A TIME IN THE ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAM; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

HB1232	Lowery	TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING AUTHORIZED PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS OF UNION DUES FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYEES TO ALLOW DEDUCTIONS ONLY FOR FIREFIGHTERS, POLICE OFFICERS, AND EMERGENCY FIRST RESPONDERS; AND TO PROHIBIT DEDUCTIONS FOR TEACHERS.
HB1309	S. Meeks	TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS NIGHTTIME ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION ACT.
HB1060	Lynch	TO ESTABLISH AND REQUIRE CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR HEATING, VENTILATION, AIR CONDITIONING, AND REFRIGERATION LICENSEES.