

AGENDA (Revised 2-27-2019, 5:28 p.m.)
Added Bills
House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor

Thursday, February 28, 2019
10:00 AM
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

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS - Thursday, February 28, 2019

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
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.
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.
SB184	G. Stubblefield	TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETISTS BY REMOVING SUPERVISION REQUIREMENTS.

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.
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.
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.
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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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.
SB301	K. Hammer	TO AMEND LAWS CONCERNING CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR NURSING LICENSURE.
HB1060	Lynch	TO ESTABLISH AND REQUIRE CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR HEATING, VENTILATION, AIR CONDITIONING, AND REFRIGERATION LICENSEES.
HB1536	D. Douglas	TO CREATE THE COMPASSIONATE CARE END-OF-LIFE OPTION ACT; AND TO EXEMPT THE COMPASSIONATE CARE END-OF-LIFE OPTION ACT FROM THE DEFINITION OF "PHYSICIAN-ASSISTED SUICIDE".
HB1527	Cozart	TO CREATE THE RED TAPE REDUCTION SUNRISE AND SUNSET ACT OF 2019; AND TO REQUIRE LEGISLATIVE REVIEW OF OCCUPATIONAL AUTHORIZATIONS AND OCCUPATIONAL ENTITIES.
HB1547	Perry	TO ENSURE THAT PERSONS LICENSED TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES OR ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT RESCUE SERVICES MAINTAIN CONTINUAL NATIONAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES CERTIFICATION.
HB1552	Godfrey	TO AMEND THE LAWS CONCERNING NURSING LICENSURES.
SB275	Bledsoe	TO CLARIFY LAW REGARDING OUT-OF-STATE PHYSICIANS WHO PRACTICE PATIENT CARE SERVICES INITIATED IN THIS STATE THROUGH THE USE OF ANY MEDIUM.
SB340	Irvin	TO AMEND LAWS CONCERNING CONSENT TO MEDICAL TREATMENT TO AUTHORIZE A LIAISON UNDER THE FEDERAL MCKINNEY-VENTO HOMELESS ASSISTANCE ACT TO CONSENT TO MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR A HOMELESS MINOR; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
HB1555	A. Collins	TO INCREASE COVERAGE FOR MEDICATIONS APPROVED BY THE UNITED STATES FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION FOR TOBACCO CESSATION IN THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM.
HB1435	Pilkington	TO AUTHORIZE THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM TO REIMBURSE FOR RIDESHARING APPLICATIONS.
SB380	G. Leding	TO MODIFY COVERAGE FOR SCREENING MAMMOGRAPHY AND BREAST ULTRASOUND FOR THE DIAGNOSIS OF BREAST DISEASE SUCH AS CANCER AND FOR THE EVALUATION OF DENSE BREAST TISSUE AS AN ESSENTIAL HEALTH BENEFIT.
HB1621	Dotson	TO CREATE THE PRIMARY PREVENTION PROGRAMS ACT.
HB1568	L. Johnson	TO ESTABLISH THE ARKANSAS ADVISORY COUNCIL OF HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.
HB1572	Ladyman	TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING STATE AGENCY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS FOR PURPOSES OF UNIFORMITY.
SB298	K. Hammer	TO AMEND THE TAXABLE WAGE BASE UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SERVICES LAW.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE BILLS

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
HB1164	Pilkington	TO AUTHORIZE A PHARMACIST TO DISPENSE ORAL CONTRACEPTIVES WITHOUT A PRESCRIPTION.
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.
HB1284	Gonzales	TO AUTHORIZE THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM TO RECOGNIZE AN ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE AS A PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER.
HB1265	M. Gray	TO AUTHORIZE FULL INDEPENDENT PRACTICE AUTHORITY TO ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES WHO MEET CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS.
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.
HB1289	B. Smith	TO CREATE THE MEDICAL CONSCIENCE PROTECTION ACT.
HB1254	Magie	TO MODIFY THE DEFINITION OF "OPHTHALMIC DISPENSING" TO INCLUDE THE PREPARATION AND DISPENSING OF CONTACT LENSES.
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.
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".
HB1282	Lundstrum	TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT FOR A MANDATORY COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE AGREEMENT FOR AN ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE TO HAVE PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY.
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.

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.
HB1102	Sullivan	TO ADDRESS THE UNDERSERVED STATUS OF A COUNTY AS A REQUIREMENT FOR LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION OF CERTAIN PROVIDERS.
HB1528	Womack	TO INCREASE THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM BENEFIT LIMIT FOR DRUG TESTING AND X-RAYS.
SB342	J. Cooper	TO AMEND THE LAWS CONCERNING THE CONTRACTORS LICENSING BOARD; AND TO AMEND THE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS OF CONTRACTORS.