

AGENDA (Revised 3-4-19 @ 6:00 PM)
Added Bills
House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor

Tuesday, March 5, 2019
10:00 AM
Room130, 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

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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.
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".
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

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		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.
HB1484	Watson	TO CLARIFY THE PROCEDURE FOR DISPOSITION OF UNCLAIMED BODIES IN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.
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.
SB341	Irvin	TO AMEND THE WOMAN'S RIGHT-TO-KNOW ACT; AND TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON REVERSING THE EFFECTS OF ABORTION-INDUCING DRUGS.
HB1642	Warren	TO AMEND THE LAWS REGARDING COSMETOLOGY AND OTHER RELATED OCCUPATIONS; AND TO REMOVE THE CERTIFICATION FOR NATURAL HAIR BRAIDING.
HB1627	Boyd	TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING INFORMATION EXCHANGE WITH OTHER PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAMS TO AUTHORIZE INFORMATION EXCHANGE WITH FEDERAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAMS.
HB1641	L. Johnson	TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE RULES INVOLVING SCOLIOSIS SCREENING IN SCHOOLS.
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.
HB1649	Sullivan	TO PROVIDE FOR OPPORTUNITIES FOR PATIENT CHOICE AND PROMOTE QUALITY OF CARE AS A REQUIREMENT FOR LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION OF CERTAIN PROVIDERS.
HB1650	Ladyman	TO AMEND CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW THAT RESULTED FROM INITIATED ACT NO. 4 OF 1948; AND TO REVISE THIRD-PARTY LIABILITY IN THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAW.
HB1651	Ladyman	TO AMEND AND UPDATE THE LAWS REGARDING TREATMENT FOR

INDIVIDUALS WITH INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES; AND TO ENSURE RESPECTFUL LANGUAGE IS USED WITHIN THE ARKANSAS CODE.

HB1658	Boyd	TO REQUIRE CITIZENSHIP OR LEGAL RESIDENCY FOR LICENSURE AS AN OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIAN IN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
HCR1008	Vaught	TO RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF ORGAN DONATION TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND TO SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGE ORGAN DONATION AND AWARENESS.
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.
SB287	A. Clark	TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING CHILD MALTREATMENT INVESTIGATIONS AND THE PLACEMENT OF A NAME ON THE CHILD MALTREATMENT CENTRAL REGISTRY; AND TO REPEAL CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE CHILD MALTREATMENT ACT.
SB339	Irvin	TO PROHIBIT THE REQUIREMENT OF, BARRING OF, AND DISCRIMINATION AGAINST A PHYSICIAN FOR HIS OR HER DECISION TO NOT PARTICIPATE IN MAINTENANCE OF CERTIFICATION.
SB446	G. Leding	CONCERNING STEP THERAPY REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN PRESCRIPTION DRUGS TO TREAT METASTATIC CANCER.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE BILLS

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
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.
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"; AND TO MODERNIZE THE PRACTICE OF OPTOMETRY.
HB1282	Lundstrum	TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT FOR A MANDATORY COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE AGREEMENT FOR AN ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE TO HAVE PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY.
SB184	G. Stubblefield	TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETISTS BY REMOVING SUPERVISION REQUIREMENTS.

DEFERRED BILLS

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
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.
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.
HB1265	M. Gray	TO AUTHORIZE FULL INDEPENDENT PRACTICE AUTHORITY TO ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES WHO MEET CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS.
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".
HB1253	Magie	TO AUTHORIZE A LICENSED DISPENSING OPTICIAN TO REFRACT EYES AND DISPENSE EYEGLASSES IN CERTAIN CONDITIONS.
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.
HB1284	Gonzales	TO AUTHORIZE THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM TO RECOGNIZE AN ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE AS A PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER.
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.
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