

INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2019-175

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A Bill

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6 By: Senator Irvin

7 Filed with: Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor
8 pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

9 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

10 AN ACT TO MODIFY THE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR
11 CERTIFICATION TO PRACTICE AS AN ORTHOTIC ASSISTANT,
12 ORTHOTIC/PROSTHETIC ASSISTANT, OR PROSTHETIC
13 ASSISTANT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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16 **Subtitle**

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18 CERTIFICATION TO PRACTICE AS AN ORTHOTIC
19 ASSISTANT, ORTHOTIC/PROSTHETIC
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-107-304 is amended to read as follows:

26 17-107-304. Orthotic assistants, orthotic/prosthetic assistants, and
27 prosthetic assistants.

28 An applicant for certification to practice as an orthotic assistant, an
29 orthotic/prosthetic assistant, or a prosthetic assistant shall submit to the
30 Arkansas Orthotics, Prosthetics, and Pedorthics Advisory Board written
31 evidence verified by oath that the applicant either:

32 (1) Meeting the following requirements:

33 (A) Possesses a high school diploma or comparable
34 credential approved by the board;

35 ~~(2)(B)~~ Has a minimum of three (3) years of experience in the
36 field in which the individual is seeking licensure as an assistant; and

1 ~~(3)~~(C) Has written documentation from a prosthetist or an
2 orthotist that the applicant is qualified to perform as an assistant in the
3 field in which the individual is seeking licensure as an assistant; or

4 (2) Has graduated from a graduate-level orthotic/prosthetic
5 educational program approved by the National Commission on Orthotic and
6 Prosthetic Education.

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