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## A Bill

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HOUSE BILL

By: Representative Pilkington

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

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE AN ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED  
NURSE WHO HAS SERVED A RURAL COMMUNITY TO PRACTICE  
WITHOUT A COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE AGREEMENT; AND FOR  
OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO AUTHORIZE AN ADVANCED PRACTICE  
REGISTERED NURSE WHO HAS SERVED A RURAL  
COMMUNITY TO PRACTICE WITHOUT A  
COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE AGREEMENT.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-87-310(a), concerning the prescriptive authority of an advanced practice registered nurse, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The Arkansas State Board of Nursing may grant a certificate of prescriptive authority to an advanced practice registered nurse who:

(1) Submits proof of successful completion of an Arkansas State Board of Nursing-approved advanced pharmacology course that shall include preceptorial experience in the prescription of drugs, medicines, and therapeutic devices; and

(2) Either:

(A) Has a collaborative practice agreement with a practicing physician who is licensed under the Arkansas Medical Practices

1 Act, § 17-95-201 et seq., § 17-95-301 et seq., and § 17-95-401 et seq., and  
2 who has training in scope, specialty, or expertise to that of the advanced  
3 practice registered nurse on file with the Arkansas State Board of Nursing;  
4 or

5 (B) Has:

6 (i) Served a rural community with a population of  
7 five thousand (5,000) or less for a period of five (5) years; and

8 (ii) Submitted:

9 (a) A criminal background check and a  
10 statement from a licensing authority showing that a criminal charges  
11 involving the applicant or an adverse administrative action against the  
12 applicant has not occurred during the five-year period; and

13 (b) A letter of recommendation from a  
14 physician licensed in this state or an osteopathic physician licensed in this  
15 state.

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