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HOUSE BILL

By: Representative M. Gray

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 FULL INDEPENDENT PRACTICE AUTHORITY TO ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES WHO MEET CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS; TO REQUIRE THE ARKANSAS STATE MEDICAL BOARD TO CERTIFY ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES WITH FULL INDEPENDENT PRACTICE AUTHORITY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AUTHORIZE FULL INDEPENDENT PRACTICE AUTHORITY TO ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES WHO MEET CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 17, Chapter 87, Subchapter 3, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

17-87-313. Full independent practice authority.

(a) As used in this section, "full independent practice authority" means the ability of an advanced practice registered nurse to practice with prescriptive authority without a collaborative practice agreement as described under § 17-87-310.

(b) The Arkansas State Medical Board shall grant a certificate of full independent practice to an advanced practice registered nurse who submits:

(1) An application with an application fee as determined by the board;

1           (2) Proof of successful completion of ten thousand four hundred  
2 (10,400) hours of practice under the supervision of a physician; and

3           (3) Any other relevant information determined by the board.

4           (c)(1) An advanced practice registered nurse with a certificate of  
5 full independent practice may receive and prescribe drugs, medicines, or  
6 therapeutic drugs appropriate to the advanced practice registered nurse's  
7 area of practice.

8           (2) The full independent practice authority shall extend to  
9 drugs listed in Schedules II - V.

10          (d) The board may:

11           (1) Adopt rules regarding the full independent practice  
12 authority; and

13           (2) Discipline an advanced practice registered nurse for  
14 violations of:

15                   (A) This chapter;

16                   (B) Applicable sections of the Arkansas Medical Practices  
17 Act, § 17-95-201 et seq., § 17-95-301 et seq., and § 17-95-401 et seq.; or

18                   (C) Rules adopted under this section.

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