A Bill

For An Act To Be Entitled
AN ACT TO AMEND THE PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY OF AN ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle
TO AMEND THE PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY OF AN ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSE.

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

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

(b)(1) An advanced practice registered nurse with a certificate of prescriptive authority may receive and prescribe drugs, medicines, or therapeutic devices appropriate to the advanced practice registered nurse's area of practice in accordance with rules established by the Arkansas State Board of Nursing.

(2) An advanced practice registered nurse’s prescriptive authority shall extend only to drugs listed in Schedules III – V and, if expressly authorized by the collaborative practice agreement, also to those hydrocodone combination products reclassified from Schedule III to Schedule II as of October 6, 2014 Schedules II – V.

(3)(A) The Arkansas State Board of Nursing shall promptly adopt rules applicable to an advance practice registered nurse that are consistent...
with the Arkansas State Medical Board’s rules governing the prescription of
dangerous drugs and controlled substances.

(B) Prior to approval of the Arkansas State Board of
Nursing’s rules, the Arkansas State Medical Board shall review the proposed
rules and verify that the proposed rules are consistent with the Arkansas
State Medical Board’s rules concerning the prescription of dangerous drugs
and controlled substances.

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