INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2015-193

REQUESTING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE, AND
LABOR STUDY PROCEDURAL CHANGES TO HOUSE RULE 72 REGARDING
HEALTHCARE SCOPE-OF-PRACTICE LEGISLATION.

WHEREAS, House Rule 72(a) and (b) state certain requirements for
healthcare legislation that provides for the licensure of any profession,
occupation, or class of healthcare provider not currently licensed or for the
expansion of the scope of practice of any profession, occupation, or class of
healthcare provider, including the requirement of a feasibility study, or
interim study proposal, initiated by the House Committee on Public Health,
Welfare, and Labor; and

WHEREAS, healthcare legislation that falls under House Rule 72 is often
referred to as "scope of practice legislation"; and

WHEREAS, decisions made by the General Assembly that authorize
healthcare providers to expand their scope of practice will directly impact
the quality of healthcare received by the citizens of Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, an adverse impact of a decision made by the General Assembly
has the potential for serious health consequences for the citizens of
Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, decisions made by the General Assembly regarding healthcare
scope of practice should be taken with the highest level of care and caution;
and

WHEREAS, maintaining the highest quality of healthcare for all citizens
of Arkansas is of the highest importance to the General Assembly,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT PROPOSED BY THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE, AND LABOR OF
THE NINETIETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
THAT the House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor study procedural changes to House Rule 72 regarding healthcare scope of practice legislation including without limitation:

(1) Inclusion of a two-thirds vote for scope of practice legislation or scope of practice interim study proposal;

(2) Requirement of an independent study regarding the scope of practice legislation or scope of practice interim study proposal; and

(3) Establishment of a Scope of Practice Advisory Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

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