

2 State of Arkansas
3 91st General Assembly
4 Third Extraordinary Session, 2018

A Bill

JMB/JMM
HOUSE BILL

5
6 By: Representative Bentley

7 Filed with: House 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 AMEND THE PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY OF AN
11 ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES.

13 14 15 Subtitle

16 TO AMEND THE PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY OF AN
17 ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE.

18
19
20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

21
22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-87-310(b), concerning the prescriptive
23 authority of an advanced practice registered nurse, is amended to read as
24 follows:

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

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

35 (B)(i) If the advanced practice registered nurse has
36 successfully completed one thousand (1,000) hours of practice as an advanced

1 practice registered nurse, his or her prescriptive authority shall extend to
2 drugs listed in Schedule II.

3 (ii) An advanced practice registered nurse who has
4 completed one thousand (1,000) hours of practice as an advanced practice
5 registered nurse before the effective date of this subdivision (b)(2)(B) in
6 this state or any other state, territory, or district of the United States
7 shall meet the requirements under subdivision (b)(2)(B)(i) of this section.

8 (iii) An advanced practice registered nurse who
9 extends his or her prescriptive authority under subdivision (b)(2)(B)(i) of
10 this section shall comply with appropriate laws and rules of the Arkansas
11 State Board of Nursing regarding pharmacy practice by an advanced practice
12 registered nurse.

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

17 (B) Before approval of the Arkansas State Board of
18 Nursing's rules, the Arkansas State Medical Board shall review the proposed
19 rules and verify that the proposed rules are consistent with the Arkansas
20 State Medical Board's rules concerning the prescription of dangerous drugs
21 and controlled substances.

22
23
24 Referred by Representative Bentley

25 Prepared by: JMB/JMB
26
27
28
29
30
31
32
33
34
35
36