

**ARKANSAS SENATE**  
83rd General Assembly - Regular Session, 2001  
**Amendment Form**

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**Subtitle of House Bill No. 1356**

"AN ACT TO REQUIRE HOSPITALS TO MAKE SAFE NEEDLES AVAILABLE TO  
HEALTH CARE WORKERS."

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**Amendment No. 1 to House Bill No. 1356.**

Amend House Bill No. 1356 as engrossed, H1/31/01:

Immediately after SECTION 4 add the following additional SECTION:

"Section 5. Emergency. It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that numerous health care workers are presently exposed through the use of needles to bloodborne pathogens, serious viruses and diseases, including the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), hepatitis B, and hepatitis C, and other potentially fatal diseases. The needlless systems or sharps with engineered sharps injury protections required under this act will provide significant protections to the lives and health of health care workers. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall become effective on June 1, 2001."

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The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and \_\_\_\_\_

By: Senator Bisbee  
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Secretary