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Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill No. 1254

TO TRANSFER REGULATORY AUTHORITY OVER ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES
FROM THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF NURSING TO THE ARKANSAS STATE MEDICAL BOARD.

Amendment No. 1 to House Bill No. 1254

Amend House Bill No. 1254 as originally introduced:

Page 21, delete line 18, and substitute the following:
"16-114-201 - 16-114-203 and 16-114-205 - 16-114-209.

17-95-1012. Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Committee – Members.

(a)(1) The Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Committee is created within the Arkansas State Medical Board.

(2) The committee shall consist of five (5) members as follows:

(A) Two (2) members of the board;

(B) Two (2) advanced practice registered nurse members selected by the board; and

(C) One (1) physician that employs or has a collaborative agreement with advanced practice registered nurses.

(b)(1)(A) Committee members who are advanced practice registered nurses shall serve three-year terms.

(B) Committee members who are advanced practice registered nurses shall not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms.

(2) An advanced practice registered nurse committee member shall serve until a successor is appointed by the board.

(3) If a vacancy occurs among the committee members who are advanced practice registered nurses, the board shall appoint a new member to fill the vacancy.

(c)(1) The committee shall elect a chair with powers and duties the committee shall fix.

(2) The chair shall serve a two-year term.

(3) A chair may be elected for no more than two (2) consecutive terms.

(d)(1) A quorum of the committee shall be three (3) members.

(2) The committee shall hold a meeting at least quarterly and at other times the committee considers advisable to review applications for licensure or renewal and for approval of the protocol between the advanced practice registered nurse and the supervising physician.

(e)(1) The committee members who are advanced practice registered



nurses shall serve without remuneration.

(2) However, if funds are available, the committee members who are advanced practice registered nurses may receive expense reimbursement and stipends in accordance with § 25-16-902, as follows:

(A) Their actual expenses while attending regular and special meetings of the committee; and

(B) A per diem allowance when in attendance at regular or special meetings of the committee.

(f) The members of the committee who are members of the board shall receive remuneration as now provided to members of the board.

17-95-1013. Duties of Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Committee.

The Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Committee shall:

(1) Review all applications for advanced practice registered nurses' licensure and for renewal of advanced practice registered nurses' licensure;

(2) Review collaborative agreements or protocols between an advanced practice registered nurse and a supervising physician;

(3) Recommend to the Arkansas State Medical Board approval or disapproval of applications submitted under subdivision (1) of this section and of collaborative agreements or protocols reviewed under subdivision (2) of this section; and

(4) Recommend the approval, disapproval, or modification of the application for prescriptive privileges for an advanced practice registered nurse.

SECTION 14. Arkansas Code § 17-95-301(b), concerning the creation of the Arkansas State Medical Board, is amended to read as follows:

(b)(1)(A) The board shall consist of ~~fourteen (14)~~ sixteen (16) members appointed by the Governor for terms of six (6) years.

(B) The Governor shall consider diversity of practice specialties and geographical areas of practice in making appointments to the board.

(2)(A)(i) Ten (10) members shall be duly qualified, licensed, and active medical practitioners and appointed by the Governor after consulting the Arkansas Medical Society and subject to confirmation by the Senate.

(ii) At least two (2) members shall be appointed from each of the state's four (4) congressional districts.

(iii) Two (2) members shall be appointed at large.

(B) Congressional district representation required under this subdivision (b)(2) shall be achieved by appointment as vacancies occur.

(3) One (1) member shall be a licensed practicing physician in this state and shall be appointed by the Governor after consulting the Physicians' Section of the Arkansas Medical, Dental, and Pharmaceutical Association and subject to confirmation by the Senate.

(4) Two (2) members of the board shall not be actively engaged in or retired from the practice of medicine. One (1) member shall represent consumers, and one (1) member shall be sixty (60) years of age or older and shall represent the elderly. Both shall be appointed from the state at large subject to confirmation by the Senate. The two (2) positions may not be held by the same person. Both shall be full voting members but shall not

participate in the grading of examinations.

(5) One (1) member shall be a duly qualified, licensed, and practicing osteopathic physician and appointed after consulting the Arkansas Osteopathic Medical Association and subject to confirmation by the Senate.

(6) Two (2) members shall be advanced practice registered nurses who are licensed in this state and who have prescriptive authority."

The Amendment was read _____

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