

Hall of the House of Representatives
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Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill No. 1324

TO GIVE PREGNANT WOMEN PRIORITY ACCESS TO SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT AND
RECOVERY SERVICES.

Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 1324

Amend House Bill No. 1324 as originally introduced:

Page 1, line 9, delete "SERVICES; AND" and substitute "SERVICES; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND"

AND

Delete the subtitle in its entirety and substitute:

"TO GIVE PREGNANT WOMEN PRIORITY ACCESS
TO SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT AND RECOVERY
SERVICES; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY."

AND

Page 3, delete line 2, and substitute the following:

"services are appropriate for the pregnant woman."

SECTION 3. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that large numbers of Arkansans have died from a drug overdose or have needed but not received treatment for illicit drug use or substance use; that despite increasing numbers of substantiated reports under Garrett's Law over the years, only forty-nine (49) beds for specialized women's services are available in Arkansas; that giving priority to pregnant women to access drug abuse and substance abuse treatment and recovery services is greatly needed in this state to combat drug use and substance use; and that this act is immediately necessary to provide for the safety and health of pregnant women who are struggling with drug use and substance use in this state. 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:

(1) The date of its approval by the Governor;



(2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill; or

(3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto."

The Amendment was read _____

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