1   INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2013-207

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3   REQUESTING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE, AND
4   LABOR CONDUCT AN INTERIM STUDY TO DETERMINE THE NEED FOR NEW
5   LICENSURE OF AN ASSISTANT PHYSICIAN.

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7   WHEREAS, the healthcare system in the United States and the State of
8   Arkansas is vastly changing and growing; and

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10   WHEREAS, the State of Arkansas is experiencing a healthcare provider
11   shortage resulting in medically underserved areas; and

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13   WHEREAS, the demand for healthcare services has outpaced the supply of
14   providers, particularly primary care providers; and

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16   WHEREAS, Missouri recently enacted legislation that allowS a recent
17   medical school graduate who has passed medical examinations but who has not
18   entered into a postgraduate residency training to provide primary care
19   services to individuals in medically underserved areas; and

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21   WHEREAS, the recently engaged Missouri legislation allowed these
22   medical school graduates to practice primary care services as licensed
23   assistant physicians; and

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25   WHEREAS, the State of Arkansas does not have a registration,
26   certification, or licensure procedure for an assistant physician; and

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28   WHEREAS, for the health of its citizens, the General Assembly should
29   pursue efforts to improve and increase access to healthcare by utilizing the
30   capacity of the recent medical school graduates,

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32   BE IT PROPOSED BY THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE, AND LABOR OF
33   THE EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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1   THAT the House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor conduct
2   an interim study to determine the need for new licensure of an assistant
3   physician.
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5   Respectfully submitted,
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