

1 INTERIM STUDY PROPOSAL 2015-193

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3 REQUESTING THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE, AND
4 LABOR STUDY PROCEDURAL CHANGES TO HOUSE RULE 72 REGARDING
5 HEALTHCARE SCOPE-OF-PRACTICE LEGISLATION.
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7 WHEREAS, House Rule 72(a) and (b) state certain requirements for
8 healthcare legislation that provides for the licensure of any profession,
9 occupation, or class of healthcare provider not currently licensed or for the
10 expansion of the scope of practice of any profession, occupation, or class of
11 healthcare provider, including the requirement of a feasibility study, or
12 interim study proposal, initiated by the House Committee on Public Health,
13 Welfare, and Labor; and
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15 WHEREAS, healthcare legislation that falls under House Rule 72 is often
16 referred to as "scope of practice legislation"; and
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18 WHEREAS, decisions made by the General Assembly that authorize
19 healthcare providers to expand their scope of practice will directly impact
20 the quality of healthcare received by the citizens of Arkansas; and
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22 WHEREAS, an adverse impact of a decision made by the General Assembly
23 has the potential for serious health consequences for the citizens of
24 Arkansas; and
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26 WHEREAS, decisions made by the General Assembly regarding healthcare
27 scope of practice should be taken with the highest level of care and caution;
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30 WHEREAS, maintaining the highest quality of healthcare for all citizens
31 of Arkansas is of the highest importance to the General Assembly,
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33 NOW THEREFORE,

34 BE IT PROPOSED BY THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE, AND LABOR OF
35 THE NINETIETH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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1 THAT the House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor study
2 procedural changes to House Rule 72 regarding healthcare scope of practice
3 legislation including without limitation:

4 (1) Inclusion of a two-thirds vote for scope of practice
5 legislation or scope of practice interim study proposal;

6 (2) Requirement of an independent study regarding the scope of
7 practice legislation or scope of practice interim study proposal; and

8 (3) Establishment of a Scope of Practice Advisory Committee.
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10 Respectfully submitted,
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