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# A Bill

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6 By: Representative Magie

7 Filed with: House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor  
8 pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

## 9 For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO AMEND THE PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY OF  
11 ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES AND PHYSICIAN  
12 ASSISTANTS; TO EXTEND PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY TO  
13 HYDROCODONE COMBINATION PRODUCTS IF EXPRESSLY  
14 AUTHORIZED BY A PHYSICIAN; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## 16 Subtitle

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19 PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS; TO EXTEND  
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21 COMBINATION PRODUCTS IF EXPRESSLY  
22 AUTHORIZED BY A PHYSICIAN.

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26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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28 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-87-310(b)(2), concerning prescriptive  
29 authority for an advanced practice registered nurse, is amended to read as  
30 follows:

31 (2) An advanced practice registered nurse's prescriptive  
32 authority ~~shall only extend~~ shall extend only to drugs listed in Schedules  
33 III - V and, if expressly authorized by the collaborative practice agreement  
34 also to those hydrocodone combination products reclassified from Schedule III  
35 to Schedule II as of October 6, 2014.

1 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 17-105-108, concerning prescriptive  
2 authority for a physician assistant, is amended to read as follows:

3 17-105-108. Prescriptive authority.

4 (a) Physicians supervising physician assistants may delegate  
5 prescriptive authority to physician assistants to include prescribing,  
6 ordering, and administering Schedule III-V controlled substances as described  
7 in the Uniform Controlled Substances Act, §§ 5-64-101 – 5-64-510, and 21  
8 C.F.R. Part 1300, all legend drugs, and all nonschedule prescription  
9 medications and medical devices. All prescriptions and orders issued by a  
10 physician assistant shall ~~also~~ identify his or her supervising physician.

11 (b) A physician assistant may prescribe hydrocodone combination  
12 products reclassified from Schedule III to Schedule II as of October 6, 2014,  
13 if authorized by the physician assistant's supervising physician and in  
14 accordance with other requirements of this section.

15 ~~(b)(c)~~ At no time shall a physician assistant's level of prescriptive  
16 authority exceed that of the supervising physician.

17 ~~(c)(d)~~ Physician assistants who prescribe controlled substances ~~must~~  
18 shall register with the Drug Enforcement Administration as part of the Drug  
19 Enforcement Administration's Mid-Level Practitioner Registry, 21 C.F.R. Part  
20 1300, 58 FR 31171-31175, and the Controlled Substances Act.

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