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4	Regular Session, 2015		HOUSE BILL
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6	By: Representative Boyd		
7		Filed with: House Committee of	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 CREATE THE ARKANSAS SAFE AND EFFECTIVE		
11	PRESCRIBING PRACTICES ACT; TO CREATE THE TASK FORCE		
12	FOR SAFE AND E	EFFECTIVE PRESCRIBING PRAC	TICES; AND FOR
13	OTHER PURPOSES	5.	
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18	PRESCRIB	ING PRACTICES ACT; AND TO	CREATE
19	THE TASK	FORCE FOR SAFE AND EFFECT	LINE
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23	BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENER	AL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE	OF ARKANSAS:
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25	SECTION 1. Arkansas	s Code Title 17, Chapter 8	0, is amended to add an
26	additional subchapter to m	ead as follows:	
27	<u>Subchapter 4 — Arkans</u>	as Safe and Effective Pre	scribing Practices Act
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29	17-80-401. Title.		
30	This subchapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Arkansas Safe		
31	and Effective Prescribing	Practices Act".	
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33	<u>17-80-402. Definitions.</u>		
34	<u>As used in this subc</u>	<u>hapter:</u>	

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36 <u>17-80-404. Treatment guidelines.</u>	36	17-80-404. Treatment guidelines.			

1	(a) On or before October 1, 2015, the Arkansas Task Force for Safe and		
2	Effective Prescribing Practices shall develop treatment guidelines for the		
3	prescribing of opioids that can be used by prescribers in the state as a		
4	guide for patient care.		
5	(b) By September 30 of each year, the task force shall review and		
6	update, as needed, the treatment guidelines for the prescribing of opioids.		
7	(c) A state licensing board that licenses or otherwise regulates		
8	prescribers shall adopt and post on its website:		
9	(1) The treatment guidelines for the prescribing of opioids		
10	developed by the task force on or before March 1, 2016; and		
11	(2) Updated treatment guidelines for the prescribing of opioids		
12	within six (6) months of the development of updated treatment guidelines by		
13	the task force.		
14	(d) A state licensing board that licenses or otherwise regulates		
15	prescribers shall:		
16	(1) Provide training materials to its licensees on the treatment		
17	guidelines for the prescribing of opioids as developed and updated by the		
18	task force; and		
19	(2) Promulgate rules on or before March 1, 2016, to require		
20	continuing education on the abuse of controlled substances as a condition of		
21	license renewal for prescribers.		
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23	17-80-405. Patient treatment and applicability.		
24	(a) The guidelines for the prescribing of opioids shall be developed		
25	to assist prescriber decision-making only and shall not have the effect of		
26	law.		
27	(b) This subchapter does not prohibit a prescriber who uses opioids to		
28	relieve a patient's pain from prescribing a dosage of opioids deemed		
29	medically necessary to relieve the patient's pain.		
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32	Referral requested by: Representative Justin Boyd		
33	Prepared by: JMB		
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