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A Bill

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5
6 By: Representative Pilkington

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 AUTHORIZE AN ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED
11 NURSE WHO HAS SERVED A RURAL COMMUNITY TO PRACTICE
12 WITHOUT A COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE AGREEMENT; AND FOR
13 OTHER PURPOSES.

14 15 16 Subtitle

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18 REGISTERED NURSE WHO HAS SERVED A RURAL
19 COMMUNITY TO PRACTICE WITHOUT A
20 COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE AGREEMENT.

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

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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-87-310(a), concerning the prescriptive
26 authority of an advanced practice registered nurse, is amended to read as
27 follows:

28 (a) The Arkansas State Board of Nursing may grant a certificate of
29 prescriptive authority to an advanced practice registered nurse who:

30 (1) Submits proof of successful completion of an Arkansas State
31 Board of Nursing-approved advanced pharmacology course that shall include
32 preceptorial experience in the prescription of drugs, medicines, and
33 therapeutic devices; and

34 (2) Either:

35 (A) Has a collaborative practice agreement with a
36 practicing physician who is licensed under the Arkansas Medical Practices

1 Act, § 17-95-201 et seq., § 17-95-301 et seq., and § 17-95-401 et seq., and
2 who has training in scope, specialty, or expertise to that of the advanced
3 practice registered nurse on file with the Arkansas State Board of Nursing;
4 or

5 (B) Has:

6 (i) Served a rural community with a population of
7 five thousand (5,000) or less for a period of five (5) years; and

8 (ii) Submitted:

9 (a) A criminal background check and a
10 statement from a licensing authority showing that a criminal charges
11 involving the applicant or an adverse administrative action against the
12 applicant has not occurred during the five-year period; and

13 (b) A letter of recommendation from a
14 physician licensed in this state or an osteopathic physician licensed in this
15 state.

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