

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

TO AMEND THE JOINT RULES OF THE HOUSE AND SENATE TO PROVIDE THAT BEGINNING WITH THE 1989 REGULAR SESSION, NO BILL MAY BE INTRODUCED TO PROVIDE FOR LICENSURE OF ANY PROFESSION, OCCUPATION OR CLASS OF HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS NOT CURRENTLY LICENSED NOR TO EXPAND THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE OF ANY PROFESSION, OCCUPATION OR CLASS OF HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS UNLESS THE JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND LABOR HAS UNDERTAKEN AND COMPLETED A STUDY OF THE FEASIBILITY OF SUCH LEGISLATION AND REPORTED ITS FINDINGS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

WHEREAS, during recent sessions of the Arkansas General Assembly, there has been a proliferation of bills to license various new professions, occupations and classes of health care providers and to expand the scope of practice of such providers; and

WHEREAS, in most every case the proposed licensure of such new health care providers or the expansion of health care providers practice would result in infringing on the authority and practice of existing licensed health care providers; and

WHEREAS, further proliferation of classes or kinds of health care providers may not be in the best interest of the public health and welfare of the people of the State and therefore careful consideration should be given to any such proposals in the future,

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SEVENTY-SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

That the Joint Rules of the House and Senate are hereby amended to add the following provision:

"Beginning with 1989 regular session of the General Assembly, no bill shall be introduced in either house to provide for the licensing of any profession, occupation or class of health care providers nor to expand the scope of practice of any profession, occupation or class of health care providers

unless the Joint Interim Committee on Public Health, Welfare and Labor has previously conducted a study of the feasibility of such legislation and has reported its findings to the General Assembly."