

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **79th General Assembly**
3 **Regular Session, 1993**
4 **By: Senator Harriman**

A Bill

SENATE BILL

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE §§ 20-8-202 and 20-8-206 TO
9 MODIFY THE NAME OF THE ARKANSAS STATE SPINAL CORD
10 COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

13 "TO MODIFY THE NAME OF THE ARKANSAS STATE SPINAL CORD
14 COMMISSION."

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

18 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 20-8-202(a) is amended to read as follows:

19 "(a) There is established the Arkansas Spinal Cord Commission, to
20 consist of five (5) members to be appointed by the Governor from the state at
21 large for terms of ten (10) years and confirmed by the Senate, as provided by
22 law. The members of the commission shall be either spinal cord injured victims
23 themselves, members of the immediate families of spinal cord injured victims,
24 or persons with special knowledge of and experience with spinal cord injuries
25 and dysfunctions who have demonstrated active involvement and interest in the
26 fight against death and disability due to spinal cord injury and dysfunction."

28 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 20-8-206 is amended to read as follows:

29 "20-8-206. Central registry.

30 (a) The Arkansas Spinal Cord Commission shall establish and maintain a
31 central registry of spinal cord disabled persons.

32 (1) Every public and private health and social agency and
33 attending physician shall report to the commission within five (5) calendar
34 days after identification of any spinal cord disabled person. However, the
35 consent of the individual shall be obtained prior to making this report,

1 except that every spinal cord disease or injury resulting in permanent
2 partial, permanent total, or total disability shall be reported to the
3 commission immediately upon identification.

4 (2) The report shall contain the name, age, residence, and type
5 of disability of the individual and such additional information as may be
6 deemed necessary by the commission.

7 (b)(1) Within fifteen (15) days of the report and identification of a
8 spinal cord disabled person, the commission shall notify the spinal cord
9 disabled or the most immediate family members of their right to assistance
10 from the state, the services available, and the eligibility requirements.

11 (2) The commission shall refer severely disabled persons to
12 appropriate divisions, departments, and other state agencies to assure that
13 maximum available rehabilitative services, if desired, are obtained by the
14 spinal cord disabled person.

15 (3) All other agencies of the state shall cooperate with the
16 commission to insure that appropriate total rehabilitative and other services
17 are available, as well as access to records and other information.

18 (c) As used in this section, _spinal cord disabled_ means any person
19 who has a spinal cord disease or injury, congenital or acquired, which results
20 in partial or total loss of motor or sensory functions and results in
21 temporary or permanent partial or total disability.

22 (d) It is the intent of the General Assembly to insure the referral of
23 all spinal cord disabled persons to the Arkansas Spinal Cord Commission by
24 appropriate individuals or public and private agencies in order that all
25 spinal cord disabled persons might obtain the appropriate total rehabilitative
26 services rendered by existing state agencies, departments, and other
27 organizations and individuals."

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29 SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
30 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
31 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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33 SECTION 4. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
34 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
35 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without

1 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
2 act are declared to be severable.

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4 SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
5 hereby repealed.

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