1	State of Arkansas	As Engrossed: H2/26/99 H3/11/99		
2	82nd General Assembly	A B ₁ ll		
3	Regular Session, 1999		HOUSE BILL 1619	
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5	By: Representative Ferrell			
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8	For An Act To Be Entitled			
9	"AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 20-8-102 TO AVOID			
10	CONFLICTS OF INTEREST WITHIN THE HEALTH SERVICES			
11	COMMI SSI O	N; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"		
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13		Subtitle		
14	"AN	ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 20-8-102	?	
15	TO AVOID CONFLICTS OF INTEREST WITHIN			
16	THE	HEALTH SERVICES COMMISSION"		
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19	BE IT ENACTED BY THE	GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARI	KANSAS:	
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21	SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 20-8-102 is amended to add the following new			
22	subsection to read as follows:			
23	"(f) After the effective date of this act, the following members of the			
24	commission shall not have a financial interest, direct or indirect, in a			
25	nursing home or any building in which a nursing home operates or any property			
26	on which a nursing ho	me is situated:		
27	<u>(1) The</u>	practicing physician;		
28	<u>(2) The</u>	representative of the Department of	Human Services;	
29	(3) The member of the Arkansas Chapter of the American			
30	Association of Retired Persons;			
31	<u>(4) The</u>	consumer knowledgeable in business l	health insurance; and	
32	<u>(g)</u>	After the effective date of this a	act, no person who was	
33	not a member of the commission on January 1,1999, shall be appointed if that			
34	person is a joint owner of a nursing home business with any other member of			
35	the commission or has any joint or common interest, direct or indirect, in any			
36	business with any other member of the commission.			

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1	(h)(1) The Governor shall have the power to remove any member of the		
2	commission appointed after the effective date of this act who, after notice		
3	and hearing, is found to be in violation of either subsection (f) or (g) of		
4	this section.		
5	(2) The removal shall become effective only when approved in		
6	writing by a majority of the total number of the board, but the member removed		
7	or his or her successor shall have no right to vote on the question of		
8	removal."		
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10	SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature		
11	are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code		
12	Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.		
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14	SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to		
15	any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect		
16	other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without		
17	the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this		
18	act are declared to be severable.		
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20	SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are		
21	hereby repealed.		
22	/s/ Ferrell		