

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to law as it existed prior to the 82nd General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas  
2 82nd General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 1999

# A Bill

SENATE BILL 433

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5 By: Senator Bradford  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 "AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR CERTIFICATION OF YOGA  
10 INSTRUCTORS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

### Subtitle

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13 "TO PROVIDE FOR CERTIFICATION OF YOGA  
14 INSTRUCTORS."  
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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19 SECTION 1. For purposes of this act, "yoga" means a practice which  
20 consists of pranayama (breathing exercises), asanas (postures), and  
21 meditation.  
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23 SECTION 2. (a)(1) The Department of Health shall certify yoga  
24 instructors who provide satisfactory evidence that they have completed one  
25 hundred (100) hours of techniques, twenty (20) hours of teaching skills,  
26 twenty (20) hours of anatomy and physiology, thirty (30) hours of philosophy,  
27 and ten (10) hours practicum.

28 (2) The department may charge an annual certification fee to  
29 defray the cost of the annual yoga instructor certification. The fees shall  
30 be deposited in the State Treasury as special revenues and credited to the  
31 Public Health Fund.

32 (3) In order to renew the certification, yoga instructors must  
33 annually attend twenty (20) hours of continuing education satisfactory to the  
34 department.

35 (b) Beginning January 1, 2000, no person may engage in the practice of  
36 yoga instruction unless certified by the department.

1        (c) Every person who provides satisfactory evidence to the department  
2 no later than December 31, 1999, establishing that the person has engaged in  
3 yoga instruction on a full-time basis in Arkansas for at least one (1) year  
4 prior to January 1, 1999, shall be entitled to certification by the department  
5 without meeting any other requirements other than continuing education as  
6 prescribed by the department.

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8        SECTION 3. The department may seek an injunction from a court of  
9 competent jurisdiction against any person who engages in yoga instruction in  
10 violation of this chapter and if successful, the department may recover  
11 attorney's fees and costs from the person engaging in yoga instruction  
12 unlawfully.

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14        SECTION 4. All provisions of this Act of a general and permanent nature  
15 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code  
16 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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18        SECTION 5. If any provision of this Act or the application thereof to  
19 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
20 other provisions or applications of the Act which can be given effect without  
21 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
22 Act are declared to be severable.

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24        SECTION 6. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are  
25 hereby repealed.

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