

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

State of Arkansas

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A Bill

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HOUSE BILL 1069

By: Representatives Biggs, Allison, Borhauer, Bookout, Lendall

By: Senator Critcher

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF NURSING TO SET STANDARDS FOR CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION FOR ALL LICENSED NURSES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF NURSING TO SET STANDARDS FOR CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION FOR ALL LICENSED NURSES.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 17, Chapter 87, Subchapter 2 is amended to add the following additional section to read as follows:

17-87-207. (a)(1) The Arkansas State Board of Nursing shall adopt rules setting minimum standards for continuing education to ensure that all licensed nurses remain informed about those technical and professional subjects which the board deems appropriate to nursing practice.

(2) The board shall not require more than twenty (20) hours of continuing education per year.

(b) The board shall make every effort to ensure that the continuing education programs are offered either within the nurse's workplace or at another place convenient to the nurse, whether through live presentation or distance learning.

(c)(1) The board shall adopt rules to prescribe the methods by which the minimum standards for continuing education may be satisfied.

1 (2) The failure of any licensed nurse to satisfy the minimum
2 standards for continuing education shall be grounds for disciplinary action,
3 nonrenewal of the nurse's license, or both.

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