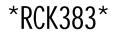
Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1	State of Arkansas	As Engrossed: H1/17/01		
2	83rd General Assembly	A Bill		
3	Regular Session, 2001		HOUSE BILL 1069	
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5	By: Representatives Big	ggs, Allison, Borhauer, Bookout,	Lendal I	
6	By: Senator Critcher			
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8	For An Act To Be Entitled			
9	AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF			
10	NURSING TO SET STANDARDS FOR CONTINUING MEDICAL			
11	EDUCATION FOR ALL LICENSED NURSES; AND FOR OTHER			
12	PURPOSES.			
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15	AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ARKANSAS STATE			
16	BOARD OF NURSING TO SET STANDARDS FOR			
17	CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION FOR ALL			
18	LI CENSI	ED NURSES.		
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21	BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:			
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23	SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 17, Chapter 87, Subchapter 2 is amended			
24	to add the following additional section to read as follows:			
25	<u>17-87-207. (a)(1)</u>) The Arkansas State Board of Nu	rsing shall adopt	
26	rules setting minimum standards for continuing education to ensure that all			
27	licensed nurses remain informed about those technical and professional			
28	subjects which the board deems appropriate to nursing practice.			
29	(2) The board shall not require more than twenty (20) hours of			
30	continuing education per year.			
31	(b) The board shall make every effort to ensure that the continuing			
32	education programs are offered either within the nurse's workplace or at			
33	another place convenient to the nurse, whether through live presentation or			
34	distance learning.			
35	(c)(1) The board shall adopt rules to prescribe the methods by which the			
36	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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