

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.

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## A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1194

By: Representative Bradford  
By: Senator Gullett

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS NURSE  
PRACTICE ACT CONCERNING TEMPORARY PERMITS AND CRIMINAL  
BACKGROUND CHECKS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

AN ACT TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF  
THE ARKANSAS NURSE PRACTICE ACT.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 17-87-307(b)(2) is amended to read as follows:

(2) This permit must have an issuance date and a an expiration  
date, when it shall become invalid and shall not exceed ninety (90) days.  
The permit shall be valid for no more than six (6) months.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 17-87-312(a) is amended to read as follows:

(a) ~~After October 1, 1999, each~~ Each first-time applicant for a license  
issued by the Arkansas State Board of Nursing ~~may be required to~~ shall apply  
to the Identification Bureau of the Department of Arkansas State Police for a  
state and national criminal background check, to be conducted by the Federal  
Bureau of Investigation.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code 17-87-312(g)(1) is amended to read as follows:

(g)(1) The board may issue a ~~six month nonrenewable letter of~~  
~~provisional eligibility for licensure~~ nonrenewable temporary permit for  
licensure to a first-time applicant pending the results of the criminal  
background check. The permit shall be valid for no more than six (6) months.

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code 17-87-312(m) is repealed:

~~(m) Persons licensed by the board may be required to apply for a criminal history check in the same manner as an applicant for licensure under this section. The board shall develop and adopt a regulation that prescribes how criminal history checks for persons licensed by the board may be conducted.~~

*/s/ Bradford*