

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 2444

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO INCLUDE LICENSED PHYSICAL THERAPISTS AS  
10 PRACTITIONERS FOR PURPOSES OF THE MEDICAL,  
11 NURSING, HOSPITAL, AND AMBULANCE SERVICE LIEN  
12 ACT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

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16 THERAPISTS AS PRACTITIONERS FOR PURPOSES  
17 OF THE MEDICAL, NURSING, HOSPITAL, AND  
18 AMBULANCE SERVICE LIEN ACT.

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

23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 18-46-102 is amended to read as follows:  
24 18-46-102. Definitions.

25 As used in this chapter:

26 (1) "Ambulance service provider" means a provider that renders  
27 services as defined in § 14-266-103(1) and (2);

28 (2) "Claims" means the claim of a patient:

29 (A) For damages from a tortfeasor; or

30 (B) For benefits from an insurer;

31 (3) "Hospital" means a person that maintains an establishment in  
32 which sick and injured persons are given medical and surgical care;

33 (4) "Injury" means impairment of bodily, nervous, or mental  
34 integrity or health;

35 (5) "Insurer" means a person that by a contract of insurance has  
36 undertaken to indemnify a patient against loss through injury resulting from



1 accident or accidental means;

2 (6) "Patient" means a person injured through the fault or  
3 neglect of another person, for the relief or cure of whose injury a  
4 practitioner, nurse, or hospital renders service;

5 (7) "Person" means a natural person, a partnership, an  
6 association, and a corporation;

7 (8) "Practitioner" means a person licensed to ~~treat~~;

8 (A) Treat human ailments under the provisions of § 17-95-  
9 202 et seq. ~~and includes a person licensed to practice;~~

10 (B) Practice dentistry as defined in § 17-82-102, ~~a person~~  
11 ~~licensed to practice;~~

12 (C) Practice chiropractic under the provisions of § 17-81-  
13 101 et seq., ~~and a person licensed to practice massage;~~

14 (D) Massage therapy under the Massage Therapy Act, § 17-  
15 86-101 et seq.; and

16 (E) Practice physical therapy under the Arkansas Physical  
17 Therapy Act, § 17-93-101 et seq.;

18 (9) "Service" means personal service, food, lodging, ambulance  
19 service, medical supplies and appliances, and whatever else is reasonably  
20 necessary for the care, treatment, and maintenance of a patient; and

21 (10) "Tortfeasor" means a person through whose fault or neglect  
22 a person is injured.

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