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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2547

By: Representatives Pritchard, Edwards, Hardwick
By: Senator Madison

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO EXEMPT LIFE CARE FACILITIES FROM THE
STATE'S QUALITY ASSURANCE FEE; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT TO EXEMPT LIFE CARE FACILITIES
FROM THE STATE'S QUALITY ASSURANCE FEE.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-10-1601(7), concerning the definition of "nursing facilities" for purposes of the quality assurance levy, is amended to read as follows:

(7)(A) "Nursing facilities" means any buildings, structures, agencies, institutions, or other places which require payment for the reception, accommodation, board, care, or treatment of more than three (3) unrelated individuals who, due to a physical or mental infirmity, are unable to care for themselves;

(B) "Nursing facilities" does not mean offices of private physicians and surgeons, boarding homes, residential care facilities, intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded, hospitals, life care facilities as defined under § 23-93-201, institutions operated by the federal government or licensed by the Division of Developmental Disability Services of the Department of Human Services, or any facility which is conducted by and for those who rely exclusively upon treatment by prayer for healing in accordance with tenets or practices of any recognized religious denomination;



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3 SECTION 2. The Department of Human Services shall obtain a waiver from
4 the United States Department of Health and Human Services in order to exempt
5 life care facilities from the quality assurance levy under § 20-10-1601(7).
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