

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 2547

5 By: Representatives Pritchard, Edwards, Hardwick  
6 By: Senator Madison  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO EXEMPT LIFE CARE FACILITIES AND CERTAIN  
11 NURSING FACILITIES FROM THE STATE'S QUALITY  
12 ASSURANCE FEE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

15 AN ACT TO EXEMPT LIFE CARE FACILITIES  
16 AND CERTAIN NURSING FACILITIES FROM THE  
17 STATE'S QUALITY ASSURANCE FEE.  
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 10, Subchapter 16 is  
23 amended to add additional sections to read as follows:

24 20-10-1606. Waiver for life care facilities and certain nursing  
25 facilities.

26 (a) The Department of Human Services shall apply for a waiver of the  
27 uniform health care related tax under 42 C.F.R. § 433.68, as in effect on  
28 January 1, 2005, to exempt from the quality assurance fee:

29 (1) Life care facilities licensed under § 23-93-201 et seq.; and  
30 (2) Nursing facilities licensed by the Office of Long-Term Care  
31 that do not have Medicaid or Medicare-certified beds.

32 (b) Upon receiving the waiver and determining that sufficient funds  
33 are available, the department shall discontinue collecting the quality  
34 assurance fee from life care facilities under subdivision (a)(1) of this  
35 section, nursing facilities under subdivision (a)(2) of this section, or both  
36 and adjust the quality assurance fee paid by state-operated nursing



1 facilities pursuant to the waiver.

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*/s/ Pritchard, et al*

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