

State of Arkansas
85th General Assembly
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2590

By: Representative Mathis

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO LIMIT THE EXPENDITURE OF STATE MONEYS
FOR DENTAL PROCEDURES FOR INMATE METHAMPHETAMINE
USERS; TO PROVIDE TIME FOR INMATE METHAMPHETAMINE
USERS TO CONFRONT THE DAMAGE TO THEIR HEALTH THAT
RESULTS FROM METHAMPHETAMINE USE; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT TO LIMIT ACCESS TO STATE-FUNDED
DENTAL CARE FOR INMATE METHAMPHETAMINE
USERS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 12, Chapter 27, Subchapter 1 is amended
to add an additional subchapter to read as follows:

12-27-142. Limitations on dental procedures.

(a) The General Assembly finds that:

(1) The illegal use of the drug methamphetamine has become an
epidemic in this state;

(2) Habitual smokers of methamphetamine suffer catastrophic
dental traumas;

(3) Many methamphetamine users serving time in correctional
institutions in this state must have some or all of their teeth extracted at
state expense due to their drug use;

(4) That immediate access to prosthetic dentures, bridges, or
other dental appliances at state expense prevents the methamphetamine users



1 from fully realizing the impact methamphetamine has had on their health.

2 (b) For each tooth extraction of one (1) or more teeth or any other
3 individual dental procedure requiring prosthetic dentures, bridges, or any
4 other dental appliances for an inmate who has been a methamphetamine user,
5 the Department of Correction may not provide the inmate with prosthetic
6 dentures, bridges, or other dental appliances at state expense for a period
7 of six (6) months.