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.

1	State of Arkansas	As Engrossed: S3/20/07	
2	86th General Assembly	A Bill	
3	Regular Session, 2007		SENATE BILL 895
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5	By: Senator Horn		
6	By: Representatives Wells, Gask	ill	
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9		For An Act To Be Entitled	
10	AN ACT TO	STUDY THE CREATION OF THE ARKA	INSAS
11	PATIENT CH	OICE ACT; TO STUDY METHODS FOR	?
12	PROVIDING .	ARKANSAS PATIENTS MORE CHOICE	IN THEIR
13	PRESCRIPTI	ON DRUG BUYING PURCHASES BY RE	EGULATING
14	THE DISPEN	SING OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS BY	CERTAIN
15	MEDICAL PR	OFESSIONALS; AND FOR OTHER PUR	RPOSES.
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17		Subtitle	
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19	ARKANSA	S PATIENT CHOICE ACT; AND TO	
20	PROVIDE ARKANSAS PATIENTS MORE CHOICE IN		
21	THEIR P	RESCRIPTION DRUG PURCHASES.	
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24	BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENE	ERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF A	ARKANSAS:
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26	Section 1. Purpose	<u>2.</u>	
27	The purposes of the	is act are to:	
28	<u>(1) Study tl</u>	he practice of the dispensing	of prescription drugs
29	by physicians and dentis	ts including without limitatio	<u>n :</u>
30	<u>(A) Tl</u>	he regulatory schemes in other	states;
31	<u>(B) Tl</u>	he practices of Arkansas denti	sts who currently
32	dispense prescription drugs;		
33	<u>(C) Tl</u>	he practices of companies that	provide prepackaged
34	drugs; and		
35		system of support for physici.	ans and dentists within
36	a framework of safety and	d accountability;	

1	(2) Develop an effective regulatory scheme that would protect		
2	the public safety and ensure accountability in the drug distribution system;		
3	<u>and</u>		
4	(3) Study the parameters set forth in federal law in the		
5	Robinson-Patman Act that would limit the use of pharmacy permits by non-		
6	profit, tax exempt, or governmentally funded hospitals in Arkansas.		
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8	Section 2. Legislative Task Force on Patient Choice — Creation —		
9	<u>Membership - Duties.</u>		
10	(a) The Legislative Task Force on Patient Choice is created to be		
11	composed of the following members:		
12	(1)(A) Two (2) members of the Senate Interim Committee on Public		
13	Health, Welfare, and Labor appointed by the chair of the of the Senate		
14	Interim Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor.		
15	(B) The chair of the Senate Interim Committee on Public		
16	Health, Welfare, and Labor shall select one (1) of the two (2) members as the		
17	Senate cochair;		
18	(2)(A) Two (2) members of the House Interim Committee on Public		
19	Health, Welfare, and Labor appointed by the chair of the committee.		
20	(B) The chair shall select one (1) of the two (2) members		
21	as the House cochair;		
22	(3) One (1) member as a representative of the Arkansas Dental		
23	Association;		
24	(4) One (1) member as a representative of the Arkansas Medical		
25	Society;		
26	(5) One (1) member as a representative of the Arkansas Pharmacy		
27	Association;		
28	(6) One (1) member from a non-profit hospital as a		
29	representative of the Arkansas Hospital Association;		
30	(7) One (1) member who represents a company that provides		
31	prepackaged prescription drugs for dispensing by doctors appointed by the		
32	President Pro Tempore of the Senate;		
33	(8) One (1) consumer member appointed by the Speaker of the		
34	House of Representatives; and		
35	(9) One (1) consumer member appointed by the Governor.		
36	(h) The task force shall:		

1	(1) Be appointed no later than July 1, 2007;			
2	(2) Receive staff and clerical support from the Legislative			
3	Council; and			
4	(3) Report its findings and regulatory plan to the Legislative			
5	Council by November 1, 2008.			
6	(c) The task force shall be co-chaired by members selected as co-			
7	chairs by the chairs of the Senate and House Interim Committees on Public			
8	Health, Welfare and Labor.			
9	(d)(1) A majority of the membership of the task force shall constitute			
10	a quorum.			
11	(2) A majority vote of the members present shall be required for			
12	any action of the task force.			
13	(e) Vacancies on the task force due to death, resignation, or other			
14	causes shall be filled in the same manner as is provided in this act for			
15	initial appointments.			
16	(f) Task force meetings shall be held at the State Capitol and at			
17	other locations as designated by the task force chairs.			
18	(g) Legislative members shall be entitled to reimbursement for			
19	expenses and per diem at the same rate and from the same source as provided			
20	by law for members of the General Assembly attending meetings of interim			
21	committees.			
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23	SECTION 3. The task force shall expire on January 1, 2009.			
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25	/s/ Horn			
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