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: H1/28/09			
2	87th General Assembly	A Bill			
3	Regular Session, 2009		HOUSE BILL	1133	
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5	By: Representatives Blount, Abernathy, T. Baker, Cook, Davis, Flowers, Hardy, House, W. Lewellen,				
6	McLean, Rainey, Saunders, Wagner, Williams, Word				
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9	For An Act To Be Entitled				
10	AN ACT TO AMEND ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION				
11	REQUIREMENTS FOR THE LIFETIME TEACHING LICENSE;				
12	AND FOR O	THER PURPOSES.			
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15	AN ACT TO AMEND ELIGIBILITY AND				
16	APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE				
17	LIFETI	ME TEACHING LICENSE.			
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20	BE IT ENACTED BY THE GEN	NERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF AR	RKANSAS:		
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22	SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-17-2603 is amended to read as follows:				
23	6-17-2603. Eligibility.				
24	To be eligible for a lifetime teaching license, the <u>certified</u> <u>licensed</u>				
25	employee must:		1. 1.		
26 2 7		current or expired Arkansas teac	_		
27	(2) Be over <u>at least</u> sixty-five (65) years of age; and				
28 20	(3) (A) Have either:				
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32	(B) Have made Made significant contributions to education,				
33	educational research, or the profession of teaching through scholarly endeavors, teaching experience, excellence in teaching, or educational				
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36	SECTION 2. Arkans	sas Code § 6-17-2604 is amended t	to read as follows	:	

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1	6-17-2604. Lifetime teaching license.
2	(a) (1) Beginning July 1, 2008, a \underline{A} person who meets the eligibility
3	requirements of § 6-17-2603 and who wishes to obtain a lifetime teaching
4	license shall apply for the lifetime teaching license within twelve (12)
5	calendar months after his or her sixty-fifth birthday may apply for a
6	lifetime teaching license by filing an application with the Department of
7	Education.
8	(b)(1) The State Board of Education shall review the application.
9	(2) If the state board approves the application, $\frac{1}{1}$ the state
10	<u>board</u> shall <u>continue</u> <u>reissue</u> the applicant's current <u>or expired Arkansas</u>
11	teaching license as a lifetime teaching license.
12	(3) Lifetime A lifetime teaching license applicants are
13	applicant is subject to a criminal background check under § 6-17-410 upon
14	application.
15	(c) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, the lifetime
16	teaching license shall be reissued every five (5) years <u>terminate upon the</u>
17	death or legal incapacity of the license holder.
18	(d) A lifetime teaching license is subject to the same laws for
19	revocation as any Arkansas teaching license.
20	(e) A person who holds a lifetime teaching license is not required to
21	renew his or her teaching license.
22	(f)(1) Except to the extent required by § 6-17-2605, \mathbb{A} a lifetime
23	teaching license holder is not subject to the requirements for annual
24	professional development.
25	(2) An eligible person who retired prior to July 31, 2007, is
26	not subject to future professional development requirements.
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