

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 1998

5 By: Representative L. Cowling
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO EXEMPT BORDER CITY HOSPICES FROM THE
10 REQUIREMENT OF A PERMIT OF APPROVAL; TO AUTHORIZE
11 HOSPICE LICENSURE WITHOUT A PERMIT OF APPROVAL TO
12 SERVE BORDER CITY HOSPICE PATIENTS; AND FOR OTHER
13 PURPOSES.

Subtitle

14 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE HOSPICE LICENSURE
15 WITHOUT A PERMIT OF APPROVAL TO SERVE
16 BORDER CITY HOSPICE PATIENTS.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. The purpose of this act is to provide
23 continuity of care for hospice patients who are terminally ill and have a
24 life expectancy of six (6) months if the disease runs its normal course.
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26 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 20-7-117(c), concerning rules for hospices,
27 is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

28 (3)(A) A hospice agency licensed in another state's border city
29 that borders the State of Arkansas is eligible for licensure to provide
30 hospice services in Arkansas.

31 (B) A hospice agency qualified for Arkansas licensure
32 under this subdivision (c)(3) shall:

33 (i) Be licensed only to provide services in a
34 service area that consists of the adjoining Arkansas border city; and

35 (ii)(a) Be exempt from the Arkansas permit of
36 approval requirements for the service area described in this subdivision



1 (c)(3).

2 (b) A hospice agency exempted from the permit
3 of approval requirement under subdivision (c)(3)(B)(ii)(a) of this section is
4 not exempt from the requirement of a permit of approval to serve any other
5 area of the state.

6 (C) For purposes of this subdivision (c)(3), "border city"
7 means a city with a population greater than twenty thousand (20,000) in a
8 county that does not have a hospital, the city limit of which:

9 (i) Borders a state line; or

10 (ii) Adjoins another state by bordering a navigable
11 river that adjoins the state line.

12 (D) The department may adopt rules necessary to establish
13 hospice licensure for the limited purpose created in this subdivision (c)(3).

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15 /s/ L. Cowling
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