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A Bill

SENATE BILL 77

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE KIDNEY DISEASE
9 COMMISSION TO HONOR PERSONS WHO HAVE PROVIDED LIVING
10 KIDNEY DONATIONS TO ARKANSANS IN NEED OF KIDNEY
11 TRANSPLANTATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 HAVE PROVIDED LIVING KIDNEY DONATIONS TO
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-15-603(a), concerning the powers and
25 duties of the State Kidney Disease Commission, is amended to read as follows:

26 (a) The State Kidney Disease Commission shall have the following
27 functions, powers, and duties:

28 (1)(A) To establish a program to assist persons suffering from
29 acute or chronic renal failure in obtaining care and treatment requiring
30 dialysis.

31 (B) The program shall provide financial assistance for
32 persons suffering from chronic renal diseases who require life-saving care
33 and treatment for the renal disease to the extent as determined by the
34 commission that a person is unable to pay for the services on a continuing
35 basis without causing unjust and unusual hardship to himself or herself and
36 his or her immediate family including, ~~but not limited to,~~ without limitation



1 a drastic lowering of the standard of living;

2 (2) To develop standards for determining eligibility for
3 assistance in defraying the cost of care and treatment of renal disease under
4 this program;

5 (3) To cooperate with hospitals, private groups, and
6 organizations and public agencies in the development of positive programs to
7 bring about financial assistance and support of evaluation and treatment of
8 patients suffering from chronic kidney disease;

9 (4) To cooperate with the national and state kidney foundations
10 and with medical programs of the state and federal government for the purpose
11 of obtaining the maximum amount of federal and private assistance possible in
12 support of a kidney disease treatment program;

13 (5) To establish criteria and standards for evaluating the
14 financial ability of persons suffering from chronic renal disease to pay for
15 their own care, including the availability of third-party insurance coverage,
16 for the purpose of establishing standards for eligibility for financial
17 assistance in defraying the cost of the care and treatment from funds
18 appropriated to the commission for renal disease treatment purposes; ~~and~~

19 (6) To accept gifts, grants, and donations from private sources,
20 municipal and county governments, and the federal government, to be used for
21 the purposes of this subchapter in defraying costs incurred by persons
22 suffering from acute or chronic renal disease who are unable to meet the
23 total cost of life-saving care and treatment for renal disease; and

24 (7) To accept gifts, grants, and donations from private sources,
25 municipal and county governments, and the federal government, to be used to
26 honor persons who have provided living kidney donations to Arkansans in need
27 of kidney transplantation.

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