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3	Regular Session, 2015	SENATE BILL 624
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5	By: Senator E. Cheatham	
6	By: Representative Bentley	
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8	For An Act To Be Entitled	
9	AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAWS RELATING TO THE ARKANSAS	
10	STATE BOARD OF NURSING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.	
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14	TO AMEND THE LAWS RELATING TO THE	
15	ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF NURSIN	G.
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17 18	BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STA	ATE OF ADVANCAC.
19	DE II ENACIED DI THE GENERAL ASSEMBLI OF THE SIZ	ALE OF ARRANDAD:
20	SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-87-201 is a	amended to read as follows:
21	17-87-201. Creation — Members.	
22	(a) There is created the Arkansas State Board of Nursing, to be	
23	composed of thirteen (13) members to be appointed by the Governor for terms	
24	of four (4) years, subject to confirmation by the Senate.	
25	(b)(1) $\frac{\text{Six}}{\text{(6)}}$ Five (5) members shall be	registered nurses whose
26	highest level of educational preparation shall l	be as follows:
27	(A) Two (2) <u>One (1)</u> diploma (school graduates nursing
28	diploma graduate;	
29	(B) Two (2) associate degree	graduates; and
30	(C) Two (2) baccalaureate de	gree or postbaccalaureate
31	degree graduates.	
32	(2) Each registered nurse member of the board shall have the	
33	following qualifications:	
34	(A) Be an Arkansas resident;	
35	(B) Have at least five (5) ye	ears of successful experience
36	as a registered nurse in nursing practice, admin	nistration, or teaching;

1 (C) Be licensed in Arkansas as a registered nurse; and

- 2 (D) Have been employed as a registered nurse for at least
- 3 three (3) years immediately preceding appointment, two (2) of which shall
- 4 have been in Arkansas.
- (c)(1) One (1) member Two (2) members shall be a licensed advanced 5 6 practice registered nurses.
- 7 (2) The Each licensed advanced practice registered nurse board 8 member shall have the following qualifications:
- 9 (A) Be an Arkansas resident;
- 10 (B) Have at least five (5) years of experience as an
- 11 advanced practice registered nurse;
- 12 (C) Be licensed in Arkansas as an advanced practice
- 13 registered nurse; and
- 14 (D) Have been actively engaged in nursing for at least
- 15 three (3) years immediately preceding appointment, two (2) of which shall
- 16 have been in Arkansas; and
- 17 (E) Have a certificate granting prescriptive authority.
- 18 (3) One (1) member who is an advance practice registered nurse 19
- shall hold a certificate granting prescriptive authority.
- 20 (d)(1) Four (4) Three (3) members shall be licensed practical nurses
- 21 or licensed psychiatric technician nurses.
- 22 (2) Each licensed practical nurse board member or licensed
- 23 psychiatric technician nurse board member shall have the following
- 24 qualifications:
- 25 (A) Be an Arkansas resident:
- 26 (B) Have at least five (5) years of successful experience
- 27 as a practical nurse or psychiatric technician nurse or as a teacher in an
- 28 educational program to prepare practitioners of nursing;
- 29 (C) Be licensed in Arkansas as a licensed practical nurse
- 30 or licensed psychiatric technician nurse; and
- 31 (D) Have been employed as a licensed practical nurse or as
- 32 a licensed psychiatric technician nurse for at least three (3) years
- immediately preceding appointment, two (2) of which shall have been in 33
- 34 Arkansas.
- One (1) member shall be an at large licensed registered nurse or 35
- 36 licensed practical nurse.

1	(f) At least one (l) member who is a licensed registered nurse or		
2	advanced practice registered nurse also shall be a nursing program educator.		
3	(g) One (1) member shall be a lay person representing consumers of		
4	health care healthcare services.		
5	(f)(h)(1) One (1) member of the board shall not be actively engaged in		
6	or retired from the profession of nursing, shall be sixty (60) years of age		
7	or older, and shall be the representative of the elderly.		
8	(2) This member shall be appointed from the state at large,		
9	subject to confirmation by the Senate, and shall be a full voting member but		
10	shall not participate in the grading of examinations.		
11	(g)(i) The consumer representative and the representative of the		
12	elderly positions may not be filled by the same person.		
13	$\frac{\text{(h)}(j)}{\text{(j)}}$ No A member shall not be appointed to more than two (2)		
14	consecutive terms.		
15	(i)(k) Board members may receive expense reimbursement and stipends in		
16	accordance with § 25-16-901 et seq.		
17	$\frac{(j)(1)}{(1)}$ The terms of all registered nurse members and advanced practice		
18	registered nurse members shall be four (4) years.		
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20	/s/E. Cheatham		
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