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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1265

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE FULL INDEPENDENT PRACTICE
9 AUTHORITY TO ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES WHO
10 MEET CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS; TO REQUIRE THE ARKANSAS
11 STATE MEDICAL BOARD TO CERTIFY ADVANCED PRACTICE
12 REGISTERED NURSES WITH FULL INDEPENDENT PRACTICE
13 AUTHORITY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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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 Title 17, Chapter 87, Subchapter 3, is
25 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

26 17-87-313. Full independent practice authority.

27 (a) As used in this section, "full independent practice authority"
28 means the ability of an advanced practice registered nurse to practice with
29 prescriptive authority without a collaborative practice agreement as
30 described under § 17-87-310.

31 (b) The Arkansas State Medical Board shall grant a certificate of full
32 independent practice to an advanced practice registered nurse who submits:

33 (1) An application with an application fee as determined by the
34 board;

35 (2) Proof of successful completion of ten thousand four hundred
36 (10,400) hours of practice under the supervision of a physician; and



1 (3) Any other relevant information determined by the board.

2 (c)(1) An advanced practice registered nurse with a certificate of
3 full independent practice may receive and prescribe drugs, medicines, or
4 therapeutic drugs appropriate to the advanced practice registered nurse's
5 area of practice.

6 (2) The full independent practice authority shall extend to
7 drugs listed in Schedules II - V.

8 (d) The board may:

9 (1) Adopt rules regarding the full independent practice
10 authority; and

11 (2) Discipline an advanced practice registered nurse for
12 violations of:

13 (A) This chapter;

14 (B) Applicable sections of the Arkansas Medical Practices
15 Act, § 17-95-201 et seq., § 17-95-301 et seq., and § 17-95-401 et seq.; or

16 (C) Rules adopted under this section.

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