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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY OF AN  
10 ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE; AND FOR OTHER  
11 PURPOSES.

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## Subtitle

15 TO AMEND THE PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY OF AN  
16 ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE.

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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-87-310(b), concerning the prescriptive  
22 authority of an advanced practice registered nurse, is amended to read as  
23 follows:

24 (b)(1) An advanced practice registered nurse with a certificate of  
25 prescriptive authority may receive and prescribe drugs, medicines, or  
26 therapeutic devices appropriate to the advanced practice registered nurse's  
27 area of practice in accordance with rules established by the Arkansas State  
28 Board of Nursing.

29 (2)(A) An advanced practice registered nurse's prescriptive  
30 authority shall extend only to drugs listed in Schedules III – V and, if  
31 expressly authorized by the collaborative practice agreement, also to those  
32 hydrocodone combination products reclassified from Schedule III to Schedule  
33 II as of October 6, 2014.

34 (B) An advanced practice registered nurse's prescriptive  
35 authority also extends to drugs listed in Schedule II if:

36 (i) The prescription is for an opioid and the



1 prescription is only for a five-day period or less; or

2 (ii) The prescription is for a stimulant and meets  
3 the following criteria:

4 (a) The prescription was originally initiated  
5 by a physician;

6 (b) The physician has evaluated the patient  
7 within six (6) months before the advanced practice registered nurse issues a  
8 prescription; and

9 (c) The prescription by the advanced practice  
10 registered nurse is to treat the same condition as the original prescription.

11 (3)(A) The Arkansas State Board of Nursing shall promptly adopt  
12 rules applicable to an ~~advance~~ advanced practice registered nurse that are  
13 consistent with the Arkansas State Medical Board's rules governing the  
14 prescription of dangerous drugs and controlled substances.

15 (B) Before approval of the Arkansas State Board of  
16 Nursing's rules, the Arkansas State Medical Board shall review the proposed  
17 rules and verify that the proposed rules are consistent with the Arkansas  
18 State Medical Board's rules concerning the prescription of dangerous drugs  
19 and controlled substances.

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