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A Bill

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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO ELIMINATE THE NURSING HOME CONSULTANT
10 PHARMACIST PERMIT AND THE DISEASE STATE MANAGEMENT
11 CREDENTIAL; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 TO ELIMINATE THE NURSING HOME CONSULTANT
16 PHARMACIST PERMIT AND THE DISEASE STATE
17 MANAGEMENT CREDENTIAL.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-92-101(2), concerning the definition of
23 "credentialing" relating to pharmacists and pharmacies, is amended to read as
24 follows:

25 (2) "Credentialing" means the issuance of or approval by the
26 Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy of a credential issued to a pharmacist by an
27 agency approved by the Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy certifying that the
28 pharmacist has met the standards of competency established by the Arkansas
29 State Board of Pharmacy for ~~disease state management or other~~ pharmacy
30 services necessitating a credential;
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32 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 17-92-108(a)(9), concerning fees charged by
33 the Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy, is repealed.

34 ~~(9)(A) The fee for issuance of and the reinstatement of a~~
35 ~~nursing home consultant pharmacist permit shall not exceed thirty five~~
36 ~~dollars (\$35.00).~~



1 (b) The board shall adopt rules necessary and appropriate to implement
 2 the credentialing and the board's approval of pharmacists to practice ~~disease~~
 3 ~~state management and other~~ credentialed pharmacy services, including:

4 (1) Identification of areas of credentialed pharmacy services;

5 (2) Identification of the minimum competencies, standards,
 6 objectives, and qualifications necessary for a credential and the board's
 7 approval to practice in each area of credentialed pharmacy service;

8 (3) Identification of the standards for qualifying an agency to
 9 issue credentials for areas of pharmacy services;

10 (4) The procedure and standards, which may include a practical
 11 examination, for the board's review and approval of a credential and
 12 determination of a pharmacist's qualifications to practice ~~disease-state~~
 13 ~~management or other~~ credentialed pharmacy ~~service~~ services;

14 (5) The conversion of a credential previously issued by the
 15 board for the practice of ~~disease-state management or other~~ pharmacy ~~service~~
 16 services to a credential issued by an approved credentialing agency; and

17 (6) Continuing professional education and other measures to
 18 maintain pharmacists' continuing competency in ~~disease-state management and~~
 19 ~~other~~ credentialed pharmacy services.

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 21 SECTION 6. Arkansas Code § 17-92-412 is amended to read as follows:

22 17-92-412. Nursing home consultant ~~permit~~ pharmacist.

23 (a) ~~(1) The Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy shall provide for the~~
 24 ~~issuance of nursing home consultant permits by rule.~~

25 ~~(2) The A nursing home consultant pharmacist-in-charge and the~~
 26 nursing home administrator shall be jointly responsible to ensure that a
 27 ~~valid permit~~ pharmacist license is posted at the facility at all times.

28 (b) The ~~board~~ Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy shall set by rule the
 29 standards by which the controlled and legend drugs and devices will be
 30 maintained in the nursing home or long-term care facility.

31 (c) The consultant ~~pharmacist-in-charge~~ pharmacist, in conjunction
 32 with the nursing home administrator and director of nurses, shall ensure the
 33 proper control and accountability, storage, and proper utilization of drugs
 34 and other legend devices dispensed to patients residing in the facility
 35 according to board standards as well as ~~those~~ standards established by state
 36 and federal guidelines.