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8	-	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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20		ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF	F ARKANSAS:	
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22		ode § 17-92-101(2), conce	-	
23	"credentialing" relating to pharmacists and pharmacies, is amended to read as			
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25		ing" means the issuance o		
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 cred	lential;		
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32	SECTION 2. Arkansas Co	ode § 17-92-108(a)(9), co	oncerning 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33	the Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy, is repealed.			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 pharm	acist permit shall not e	exceed thirty-five	
36	dollars (\$35.00).			



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1 (B) The fee for the renewal of a nursing home consultant 2 pharmacist permit shall not exceed thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) per year; 3 4 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 17-92-310(a)(1)(A), concerning failure to 5 renew a license, permit, or credential with the Arkansas State Board of 6 Pharmacy, is amended to read as follows: 7 (a)(1)(A) All retail pharmacy permits, out-of-state pharmacy permits, 8 specialty pharmacy permits, nursing home consultant pharmacist permits, and 9 pharmacist licenses shall expire on December 31 of the first odd-numbered 10 year following the date of issuance. 11 12 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 17-92-310(b), concerning failure to renew a 13 license, permit, or credential with the Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy, is 14 amended to read as follows: (b) The penalty for late payment of renewal for pharmacists, 15 16 pharmacies, wholesaler/manufacturer of legend drugs and controlled 17 substances, hospital, and institutional, and nursing home consultant permits 18 shall be as listed in § 17-92-108, and if renewal remains unpaid on by April 19 l of any the year, the license shall be void. 20 21 SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 17-92-316(a) and (b), concerning 22 credentials required for professional pharmacy services, are amended to read 23 as follows: 24 (a)(1) The Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy may provide by rule for 25 credentialing and approval of pharmacists to practice disease state 26 management and any other pharmacy services determined by the board to require 27 a credential. 28 (2)(A) The credentials may be issued by agencies approved by the 29 board to pharmacists who qualify pursuant to as a result of meeting the minimum competencies, standards, objectives, and qualifications determined by 30 31 the board. 32 (B) However, a credential shall not authorize the 33 pharmacist to practice credentialed pharmacy service services in Arkansas 34 until after the board has determined that the credentialed pharmacist meets 35 the minimum competencies, standards, objectives, and qualifications 36 determined by the board.

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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 state management and other credentialed pharmacy services, including: 3 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 Continuing professional education and other measures to (6) 18 maintain pharmacists' continuing competency in disease state management and 19 other credentialed pharmacy services. 20 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 The board Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy shall set by rule the (b) 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 The consultant pharmacist-in-charge pharmacist, in conjunction (c) 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

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36 and federal guidelines.