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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1439

5 By: Representative Pilkington  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO UPDATE THE VOLUNTEER HEALTH CARE ACT; TO  
9 INCLUDE THERAPISTS, ADDICTION SPECIALISTS, AND  
10 COUNSELORS IN THE VOLUNTEER HEALTHCARE PROGRAM; TO  
11 INCREASE CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS UNDER THE  
12 VOLUNTEER HEALTH CARE ACT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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17 AND TO INCLUDE THERAPISTS, ADDICTION  
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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 § 20-8-803(5), concerning the definition of  
25 "medical professional" within the Volunteer Health Care Act, is amended to  
26 read as follows:

27 (5) "Medical professional" means:

28 (A) A physician, osteopathic physician, or optometric  
29 physician;

30 (B) An osteopathic physician's assistant, physician's  
31 assistant, or optometric physician's assistant;

32 (C) A chiropractic physician;

33 (D) A podiatric physician;

34 (E) A nurse licensed under § 17-87-101 et seq.;

35 (F) A dentist or dental hygienist;

36 (G) A pharmacist;



- 1 (H) An optometrist;
- 2 (I) A therapist;
- 3 (J) An addiction specialist;
- 4 (K) A counselor;
- 5 (L) A dietitian or an individual who offers dietary
- 6 services; and

7 ~~(J)~~(M) A student enrolled in an accredited program that  
 8 prepares the student for licensure in one (1) or more of the healthcare  
 9 professions listed in subdivisions ~~(5)(A)-(H)~~ (5)(A)-(K) of this section.

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 11 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 20-8-805(b), concerning the continuing  
 12 education credit within the Volunteer Health Care Act, is amended to read as  
 13 follows:

14 (b) A medical professional shall not obtain more than ~~eight (8)~~  
 15 thirty-two (32) hours of credits as described in subsection (a) of this  
 16 section in a licensing period.

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