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A Bill

SENATE BILL 269

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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS REGARDING LOCATIONS
10 FOR AND GEOGRAPHIC AREAS OF A HOSPICE AGENCY; AND FOR
11 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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15 TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS REGARDING
16 LOCATIONS FOR AND GEOGRAPHIC AREAS OF A
17 HOSPICE AGENCY.
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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 § 20-8-107(a), concerning the expansion of
22 facilities and services under the Health Services Permit Agency, is amended
23 to read as follows:

24 (a)(1) Unless otherwise provided in this subchapter, all health
25 facilities seeking to add new beds or perform additional home health services
26 or to expand existing bed capacity shall apply for a permit approving
27 additional beds or services or expanded bed capacity or services pursuant to
28 procedures and criteria promulgated by the Health Services Permit Commission,
29 except an additional permit shall not be required for:

30 (A) Home ~~home~~ health services agencies currently licensed
31 by the Department of Health to expand geographic service areas if the home
32 health services agency has a primary or branch office located within one
33 hundred (100) miles of the location of the services; or

34 (B) Hospice agencies currently licensed by the Department
35 of Health to expand geographic service areas if the hospice agency has a
36 primary or branch office located within one hundred (100) miles of the



1 location of the services.

2 (2)(A) A home health services agency or a hospice agency shall
3 not expand its service area except on the first day of a calendar quarter.

4 (B) If a home health services agency or hospice agency
5 seeks to expand its service area on the first day of a calendar quarter, the
6 home health services agency or hospice agency shall notify the Department of
7 Health and the Health Services Permit Agency at least forty-five (45) days in
8 advance of providing any services in the expanded area.

9 (3) The Department of Health and the Health Services Permit
10 Agency shall record any expansion in service area in its publicly distributed
11 records.

12 (4) A home health service agency or a hospice agency that is
13 providing services outside of a permitted service area shall be subject to
14 appropriate penalties under § 20-7-101 and § 20-10-803.

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