

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.  
Act 948 of the Regular Session

State of Arkansas  
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As Engrossed: H3/13/15  
**A Bill**

HOUSE BILL 1636

By: Representatives Eaves, M.J. Gray  
By: Senator Caldwell

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE EXEMPTION OF A STUDENT, INTERN,  
OR RESIDENT PRACTICING MEDICINE IN AN OSTEOPATHIC  
RESIDENCY FROM LICENSURE UNDER THE ARKANSAS MEDICAL  
PRACTICES ACT; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-95-203(7) is amended to read as follows:

(7) *The rendering of services by students, interns, ~~or~~  
residents, or fellows in a ~~licensed and approved hospital having an~~  
~~internship or~~ transitional year, residency, or fellowship training program  
approved by the American Medical Association, Accreditation Council for  
Graduate Medical Education, American Osteopathic Association, ~~or the State~~  
Board of Health, or the United States Government;*

SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that there is an immediate need to



add osteopathic residency positions within the state and osteopathic residency positions must be added before July 1, 2015, in order to assure that osteopathic residency positions are available for the coming year; and that this act is immediately necessary because the public health and economy of the State of Arkansas are linked to the effectiveness and availability of a capable and strong medical workforce and expanded residency or fellowship opportunities will help address the projected healthcare workforce shortage by ensuring the sufficient, well-trained, and competent medical professionals are available to meet the needs of the citizens of Arkansas. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on:

(1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

(2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill; or

(3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

*/s/Eaves*

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