

State of Arkansas  
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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1288

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO REMOVE DUPLICATIVE LANGUAGE REGARDING THE PRESCRIPTIVE ABILITIES OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS, OPTOMETRISTS, AND ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES; TO PROVIDE THAT PHARMACISTS MAY FILL PRESCRIPTIONS FOR ALL HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS WITH PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY TO THE EXTENT OF THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE FOR THAT HEALTHCARE PROFESSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

TO REMOVE DUPLICATIVE LANGUAGE REGARDING PRESCRIPTIVE ABILITIES; AND TO ENSURE A PHARMACIST MAY FILL PRESCRIPTIONS FOR ALL HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS WITH PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code §§ 17-92-109 and 17-92-110 are repealed.

~~17-92-109. Prescriptions for optometrists.~~

~~Pharmacists duly licensed in the State of Arkansas are authorized to fill prescriptions in the State of Arkansas for duly licensed optometrists thereof for pharmaceutical agents to be possessed, administered, or prescribed by the optometrists pursuant to the provisions of § 17-90-101 et seq.~~



~~17-92-110. Prescriptive authority of advanced practice nurses. Pharmacists licensed in the State of Arkansas are authorized to fill prescriptions in the State of Arkansas for advanced practice registered nurses holding certificates of prescriptive authority.~~

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 17-92-112 is repealed.

~~17-92-112. Prescriptions for physician assistants.~~

~~(a) Pharmacists licensed in the State of Arkansas are hereby authorized to fill prescriptions in the State of Arkansas for licensed physician assistants for Schedule III-V controlled substances as described in the Uniform Controlled Substances Act, §§ 5-64-101-5-64-510, and 21 C.F.R. Part 1300.~~

~~(b) Physician assistant-generated prescriptions for controlled substances must have the physician assistant's name and United States Drug Enforcement Administration number and the supervising physician's name communicated either verbally, in writing, or by electronic means. Controlled substances, prescription medications, and products dispensed by a licensed pharmacist to a patient per a physician assistant-generated prescription shall state on the labeling prepared by the pharmacist the physician assistant's name and "PA" behind the physician assistant's name. Pharmacists shall carry out the physician assistant's prescriptive request or order in the same manner as they would for the physician assistant's supervising physician. All prescriptions and orders issued by a physician assistant shall also identify his or her supervising physician.~~

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code Title 17, Chapter 92, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

17-92-117. Prescriptions for all healthcare professionals.

(a) As used in this section, "healthcare professional" means a person who is licensed, certified, or otherwise authorized by the laws of this state to administer health care in the ordinary course of the practice of his or her profession.

(b) A pharmacist licensed in the State of Arkansas may fill prescriptions in the State of Arkansas for any healthcare professional who has prescriptive authority to the extent of that healthcare professional's scope of practice.

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