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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1587

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING THE ANY WILLING PROVIDER LAWS; TO
AMEND THE PATIENT PROTECTION ACT OF 1995; AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

CONCERNING THE ANY WILLING PROVIDER
LAWS; AND TO AMEND THE PATIENT
PROTECTION ACT OF 1995.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 23-99-203(d), concerning the definition of "healthcare provider" under the Patient Protection Act of 1995, is amended to read as follows:

(d) "Healthcare provider" means those individuals or entities licensed by the State of Arkansas to provide healthcare services, limited to the following:

- (1) Advanced practice nurses;
- (2) Athletic trainers;
- (3) Audiologists;
- (4) Certified behavioral health providers;
- (5) Certified orthotists;
- (6) Chiropractors;
- (7) Community mental health centers or clinics;
- (8) Dentists;
- (9) Home health care;
- (10) Hospice care;



- (11) Hospital-based services;
- (12) Hospitals;
- (13) Licensed ambulatory surgery centers;
- (14) Licensed certified social workers;
- (15) Licensed dieticians;
- (16) Licensed intellectual and developmental disabilities service providers;
- (17) Licensed professional counselors;
- (18) Licensed psychological examiners;
- (19) Long-term care facilities;
- (20) Occupational therapists;
- (21) Optometrists;
- (22) Pharmacists and pharmacies;
- (23) Physical therapists;
- (24) Physicians and surgeons (M.D. and D.O.);
- (25) Podiatrists;
- (26) Prosthetists;
- (27) Psychologists;
- (28) Respiratory therapists;
- (29) Rural health clinics; and
- (30) Speech pathologists.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 23-99-802(4), concerning the definition of "healthcare provider" as used under the any willing provider laws, is amended to read as follows:

(4) "Healthcare provider" or "provider" means those individuals or entities licensed by the State of Arkansas to provide healthcare services, limited to the following:

- (A) Advanced practice nurses;
- (B) Athletic trainers;
- (C) Audiologists;
- (D) Certified behavioral health providers;
- (E) Certified orthotists;
- (F) Chiropractors;
- (G) Community mental health centers or clinics;
- (H) Dentists;

- (I) Home health care;
- (J) Hospice care;
- (K) Hospital-based services;
- (L) Hospitals;
- (M) Licensed ambulatory surgery centers;
- (N) Licensed certified social workers;
- (O) Licensed dietitians;
- (P) Licensed durable medical equipment providers;
- (Q) Licensed intellectual and developmental disabilities
service providers;
- (R) Licensed professional counselors;
- (S) Licensed psychological examiners;
- (T) Long-term care facilities;
- (U) Occupational therapists;
- (V) Optometrists;
- (W) Pharmacists and pharmacies;
- (X) Physical therapists;
- (Y) Physicians and surgeons (M.D. and D.O.);
- (Z) Podiatrists;
- (AA) Prosthetists;
- (BB) Psychologists;
- (CC) Respiratory therapists;
- (DD) Rural health clinics;
- (EE) Speech pathologists; and
- (FF) Other healthcare practitioners as determined by the
State Insurance Department in rules promulgated under the Arkansas
Administrative Procedure Act, § 25-15-201 et seq.;

APPROVED: 3/18/25