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## A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1788

By: Representative L. Johnson

By: Senator Irvin

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS HEALTH CARE CONSUMER ACT; TO REDUCE THE TIME ALLOWED FOR PROCESSING AN APPLICATION OF A PROVIDER; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS HEALTH CARE CONSUMER ACT; AND TO REDUCE THE TIME ALLOWED FOR PROCESSING AN APPLICATION OF A PROVIDER.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 23-99-411(a)(2)(A), concerning the number of days a healthcare insurer is provided to make a decision on an application of a provider under the Arkansas Health Care Consumer Act, is amended to read as follows:

(2)(A) ~~Healthcare insurers~~ A healthcare insurer shall make a decision within:

(i) Sixty (60) calendar days from the date of submission of a completed application as defined by rule of the Insurance Commissioner for participation or a request for renewal by a physician licensed under the Arkansas Medical Practices Act, § 17-95-201 et seq., § 17-95-301 et seq., and § 17-95-401 et seq.; and

(ii) ~~One hundred eighty (180)~~ ninety (90) calendar days from the date of submission of a completed application as defined by rule of the commissioner for participation or a request for renewal by any other provider.



*/s/L. Johnson*

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