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## A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1963

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By: Senator J. Boyd

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO CLARIFY THAT AN ADVANCED PRACTICE  
REGISTERED NURSE WHO PRESCRIBES A STIMULANT MAY  
SUBSTITUTE A THERAPEUTICALLY EQUIVALENT MEDICATION;  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

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REGISTERED NURSE WHO PRESCRIBES A  
STIMULANT MAY SUBSTITUTE A  
THERAPEUTICALLY EQUIVALENT MEDICATION.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-87-310(b)(2)(B)(ii), concerning the prescriptive authority of an advanced practice registered nurse, is amended to read as follows:

(ii)(a) The prescription is for a stimulant.

(b) A prescription for a stimulant shall meet the following criteria:

(1) The prescription was originally initiated by a physician;

(2) The physician has evaluated the patient within six (6) months before the advanced practice registered nurse issues a prescription; and

(3) The prescription by the advanced practice registered nurse is to treat the same condition as the original prescription.



(c) An advanced practice registered nurse may substitute a therapeutically equivalent medication of the drug prescribed by the physician under subdivision (b)(2)(B)(ii) of this section.

(d) If the advanced practice registered nurse substitutes a therapeutically equivalent medication under subdivision (b)(2)(B)(ii)(c) of this section, the advanced practice registered nurse shall notify the physician who originally prescribed the stimulant of the substitution.

*/s/Gonzales*

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