

AGENDA
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15 MINUTES UPON ADJOURNMENT OF SENATE
Room 272, State Capitol
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Sen. Cecile Bledsoe, Chair
Sen. Eddie Cheatham, Vice-Chair
Sen. Stephanie Flowers
Sen. Missy Irvin

Sen. David J. Sanders
Sen. John Cooper
Sen. Scott Flippo
Sen. Lance Eads

Special Order of Business for Bills Dealing with Medical Marijuana

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
SB333	G. Stubblefield	TO AMEND ARKANSAS CONSTITUTION, AMENDMENT 98; AND TO BAN USE OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA IN FOOD AND DRINK UNLESS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.
SB238	Rapert	TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS MEDICAL MARIJUANA AMENDMENT OF 2016; AND TO DELAY IMPLEMENTATION UNTIL THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE LEGALIZATION OF MARIJUANA IN THE UNITED STATES AND THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.
HB1371	House	TO AMEND THE PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS MEDICAL MARIJUANA AMENDMENT OF 2016; AND TO AMEND THE PROVISIONS CONCERNING OWNERSHIP INTEREST IN DISPENSARIES AND CULTIVATION FACILITIES.

REGULAR AGENDA

Number	Sponsor	Subtitle
SB227	Rapert	AN ACT TO CREATE THE PATRICIA HEATH ACT; TO INCLUDE ALL SERVICE DOGS AUTHORIZED FOR ACCOMPANIMENT UNDER THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITY ACT IN THE RIGHT OF INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY A SERVICE ANIMAL.
SB285	E. Cheatham	TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS CLEAN INDOOR AIR ACT OF 2006 TO INCLUDE USE OF AN ELECTRONIC CIGARETTE WITHIN THE DEFINITIONS OF SMOKING AND SECONDHAND SMOKE.
HB1035	Bentley	TO RESTRICT PURCHASES USING FOOD STAMP BENEFITS; AND TO REQUIRE RECIPIENTS OF FOOD STAMPS TO SHOW IDENTIFICATION TO USE FOOD STAMP BENEFITS.
SB311	B. Johnson	TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS CLEAN INDOOR AIR ACT OF 2006; TO ALLOW PRIVATELY OWNED BUSINESSES THE OPTION TO PROHIBIT SMOKING.
SB339	J. Hutchinson	TO AMEND THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM TO MANDATE PRESCRIBERS CHECK THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM WHEN PRESCRIBING CERTAIN MEDICATIONS.
HB1411	Penzo	TO AMEND THE LAW REGARDING CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR NURSING LICENSURE TO REMOVE A CONFLICT IN THE LAW.
HB1434	Collins	TO CREATE THE SEX DISCRIMINATION BY ABORTION PROHIBITION ACT.
SB350	B. Sample	TO REQUIRE THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS FOR MEDICAL SCIENCES TO ACCOMMODATE A PHYSICIAN REQUIRED TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL CERTIFICATION TO MAINTAIN OR OBTAIN A SPECIALTY PRACTICE OF MEDICINE TO COUNTERACT THE PHYSICIAN SHORTAGE.
SB354	D. Sanders	TO AUTHORIZE ELEVATOR SAFETY TESTS TO BE WITNESSED BY PRIVATE SECTOR LICENSED INSPECTORS; TO ELIMINATE THE SEMI-ANNUAL INSPECTIONS; AND TO IMPROVE ENFORCEMENT OF ELEVATOR SAFETY LAWS.

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SB355	B. King	TO TERMINATE THE MEDICAID EXPANSION PROGRAM, ALSO KNOWN AS THE HEALTH CARE INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM WHICH IS COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE "PRIVATE OPTION" AND THE ARKANSAS WORKS PROGRAM.
HB1372	C. Fite	TO PROVIDE NOTICE OF CHILD MALTREATMENT REPORTS TO MILITARY ORGANIZATIONS.
HB1016	Farrer	TO CONVERT THE HOSPITAL REIMBURSEMENT SYSTEMS UNDER THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM TO DIAGNOSIS-RELATED GROUP METHODOLOGY.
HB1264	Pilkington	TO PROVIDE FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR HEALTHCARE SERVICES PERFORMED BY A WALK-IN CLINIC OR EMERGENT CARE CLINIC WHEN THE PATIENT DOES NOT HAVE A PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER ASSIGNED.
HB1405	Lundstrum	TO AMEND LAWS RELEVANT TO UNEMPLOYMENT TAXES, UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS AND UNEMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY.
HB1472	Ladyman	TO EXPAND THE AUTHORIZATION FOR THE USE OF TEMPORARY ELECTRICAL LICENSES ON LARGE INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS.
HB1482	Bentley	TO UPDATE THE INTERSTATE NURSE LICENSURE COMPACT.
SB356	Irvin	TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS PHYSICIAN ORDER FOR LIFE-SUSTAINING TREATMENT ACT; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE USE OF A PHYSICIAN ORDER FOR LIFE-SUSTAINING TREATMENT FORM.
HB1183	Dotson	TO PROVIDE CONSISTENCY AND EFFICIENCY OF CHIROPRACTIC COVERAGE IN THE ARKANSAS MEDICAID PROGRAM; AND TO ALLOW MEDICAID RECIPIENTS DIRECT ACCESS TO A CHIROPRACTIC PHYSICIAN WITHOUT REFERRAL FROM A PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN.
SB364	D. Sanders	TO SIMPLIFY AND MODERNIZE THE NOTICE REQUIREMENTS FOR PERMITS ISSUED BY THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.
SB302	Irvin	TO AMEND THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM; AND TO REQUIRE PROFESSIONAL LICENSING BOARDS TO PROMULGATE RULES REQUIRING PRACTITIONERS TO ACCESS THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM.
SB420	Irvin	TO ALLOW INSURANCE CARRIERS TO OBTAIN PRACTITIONER AND DISPENSER INFORMATION MAINTAINED BY THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM; AND TO ALLOW PRESCRIBER DATA TO BE USED FOR RESEARCH PURPOSES.
HB1511	Wardlaw	TO CLARIFY THE TIME FOR ISSUANCE OF PERMITS UNDER THE ARKANSAS WATER AND AIR POLLUTION CONTROL ACT.
HB1560	Gazaway	TO AMEND LAWS REGARDING THE PRACTICE OF PHARMACY AND THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY.
SB429	L. Eads	TO AMEND THE LAWS REGARDING CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR MASSAGE THERAPISTS.
SB434	B. King	TO REMOVE THE ENROLLMENT CAPS IN THE LIVING CHOICES ASSISTED LIVING MEDICAID WAIVER PROGRAM.
HB1462	McCollum	TO AFFIRM THE LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY OVER WAIVERS FOR THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM; AND TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT FOR ARKANSANS.
HB1505	Davis	TO CLARIFY THE DEFINITION OF AN NAAQS STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN AND THE REQUIREMENT FOR WRITTEN EXPLANATIONS IN SUPPORT OF NAAQS IMPLEMENTATION PLANS.
SB439	Teague	CONCERNING FUNDS RECEIVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES UNDER THE OLDER AMERICANS ACT OF 1965.
HB1215	Love	TO AMEND THE LAWS REGARDING THE PRACTICE OF MASSAGE THERAPY TO INCLUDE THE PRACTICE OF CUPPING.
HB1250	M. Gray	TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS DENTAL PRACTICE ACT; TO CREATE ADDITIONAL EXEMPTIONS TO THE PRACTICE OF DENTISTRY AND DENTAL HYGIENE; AND TO MODIFY DENTISTRY SPECIALTY LICENSES.
HB1501	McCollum	TO MODIFY AND REPEAL LANGUAGE REFERENCING THE SUPERSEDED ELDERCHOICES PROGRAM.

HB1513	Holcomb	TO AMEND THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ASBESTOS ABATEMENT GRANT PROGRAM.
HB1526	M. Gray	TO MODIFY ACT 143 OF 2017 TO SPECIFY THAT A CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK SHALL INCLUDE THE TAKING OF FINGERPRINTS; TO AUTHORIZE LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT FOR OPTOMETRISTS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
HB1545	Sullivan	TO ALLOW THE DIVISION OF CHILD CARE AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO INDEPENDENTLY PROMULGATE RULES CONCERNING CHILD CARE FACILITIES.
HB1566	Hammer	TO AMEND THE PROVISIONS OF LAW CONCERNING THE DISPOSITION OF FETAL REMAINS.
HB1609	Tucker	TO INCREASE FLEXIBILITY IN THE LAW REGARDING FREQUENCY OF PAYMENT OF WAGES.

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HB1437	D. Ferguson	TO AMEND THE LAWS CONCERNING TELEMEDICINE; AND TO CREATE THE TELEMEDICINE ACT.
SB109	J. Hutchinson	TO AMEND AND UPDATE THE ARKANSAS ATHLETIC TRAINERS ACT.
SB171	G. Stubblefield	TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETISTS BY REMOVING SUPERVISION REQUIREMENTS.