

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 316

By: Senator Irvin

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO REGULATE THE PRIOR AUTHORIZATION PROCEDURE
FOR TREATMENT OF A TERMINAL ILLNESS UNDER CERTAIN
CONDITIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO REGULATE THE PRIOR AUTHORIZATION
PROCEDURE FOR TREATMENT OF A TERMINAL
ILLNESS UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 23-99-420(a), concerning definitions in the Arkansas Health Care Consumer Act, is amended to add additional subdivisions to read as follows:

(11) "Prescription pain medication" means any medication prescribed as treatment for pain; and

(12) "Terminal illness" means an illness, a progressive disease, or an advanced disease state from which:

(A) There is no expectation of recovery; and

(B) Death as a result of the illness or disease is reasonably expected within six (6) months.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 23-99-420, concerning prior authorizations under the Arkansas Health Care Consumer Act, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

(k) If covered pain medication that is prescribed to a covered person requires a prior authorization, then the prior authorization shall not be



denied if the covered person has a terminal illness.

/s/Irvin