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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1024

By: Representative Boyd

By: Senator Irvin

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MODIFY THE DEFINITION OF "CHRONIC
NONMALIGNANT PAIN" IN THE COMBATING PRESCRIPTION DRUG
ABUSE ACT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO MODIFY THE DEFINITION OF "CHRONIC
NONMALIGNANT PAIN" IN THE COMBATING
PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE ACT.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-7-702(2), concerning the definition of "chronic nonmalignant pain" within the Combating Prescription Drug Abuse Act, is amended to read as follows:

(2) "Chronic nonmalignant pain" means pain requiring more than three (3) consecutive months of prescriptions for:

(A) An opioid that is written for more than the equivalent of ninety (90) tablets, each containing five milligrams (5 mg) of hydrocodone;

(B) A morphine equivalent dose of more than fifteen milligrams (15 mg) per day; or

(C) In the specific case of tramadol, ~~a dose of fifty milligrams (50 mg) or one hundred twenty (120) tablets~~ an average dose equivalent of two hundred milligrams (200 mg) or greater per day;

