

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

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1504

By: Representative Hammer

By: Senator J. Hutchinson

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM TO MANDATE PRESCRIBERS CHECK THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM WHEN PRESCRIBING CERTAIN MEDICATIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM TO MANDATE PRESCRIBERS CHECK THE PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM WHEN PRESCRIBING CERTAIN MEDICATIONS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-7-604(d), concerning the requirements for the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program, is amended to read as follows:

(d)(1) Practitioners Except as required in subdivision (d)(2) of this section, practitioners are encouraged to access or check the information in the controlled substance database created under this subchapter before prescribing, dispensing, or administering medications.

(2) A prescriber shall check the information in the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program when prescribing:

(A) An opioid from Schedule II or Schedule III for every time prescribing the medication to a patient; and

(B) A benzodiazepine medication for the first time prescribing the medication to a patient.

