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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1274

By: Representative Pilkington

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE AN ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE WHO HAS SERVED A RURAL COMMUNITY TO PRACTICE WITHOUT A COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE AGREEMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AUTHORIZE AN ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE WHO HAS SERVED A RURAL COMMUNITY TO PRACTICE WITHOUT A COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE AGREEMENT.

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

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

(a) The Arkansas State Board of Nursing may grant a certificate of prescriptive authority to an advanced practice registered nurse who:

(1) Submits proof of successful completion of an Arkansas State Board of Nursing-approved advanced pharmacology course that shall include preceptorial experience in the prescription of drugs, medicines, and therapeutic devices; and

(2) Either:

(A) Has a collaborative practice agreement with a practicing physician who is licensed under the Arkansas Medical Practices Act, § 17-95-201 et seq., § 17-95-301 et seq., and § 17-95-401 et seq., and who has training in scope, specialty, or expertise to that of the advanced



practice registered nurse on file with the Arkansas State Board of Nursing;
or

(B) Has:

(i) Served a rural community with a population of five thousand (5,000) or less for a period of five (5) years; and

(ii) Submitted:

(a) A criminal background check and a statement from a licensing authority showing that a criminal charges involving the applicant or an adverse administrative action against the applicant has not occurred during the five-year period; and

(b) A letter of recommendation from a physician licensed in this state or an osteopathic physician licensed in this state.