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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1132

By: Representative Pilkington

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO INCREASE ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE SERVICES PROVIDED BY ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES; TO AMEND THE PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY OF AN ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO INCREASE ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE SERVICES PROVIDED BY ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES; AND TO AMEND THE PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY OF AN ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-87-310(a) and (b), concerning the prescriptive authority of an advanced practice registered nurse, are 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) Has either:

(A) A certificate of full independent practice authority under § 17-87-314; or

(B) 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., or a podiatrist licensed by the Arkansas Board of Podiatric Medicine under § 17-96-101 et seq., if employed by the podiatrist, and one (1) of the following healthcare professionals 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:~~

~~(i) 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.;~~

~~(ii) A podiatrist licensed by the Arkansas Board of Podiatric Medicine under § 17-96-101 et seq., if employed by the podiatrist;~~
~~or~~

~~(iii) An advanced practice registered nurse who has a certificate of full independent practice authority under § 17-87-314.~~

(b)(1) An advanced practice registered nurse with a certificate of prescriptive authority may receive and prescribe drugs, medicines, or therapeutic devices appropriate to the advanced practice registered nurse's area of practice in accordance with rules established by the Arkansas State Board of Nursing.

(2)(A) An advanced practice registered nurse's prescriptive authority shall extend only to drugs listed in Schedules III - V ~~and, if expressly authorized by the collaborative practice agreement, also to those hydrocodone combination products reclassified from Schedule III to Schedule II as of October 6, 2014.~~

~~(B) An advanced practice registered nurse's prescriptive authority also extends to drugs listed in Schedule II if:~~

~~(i) The prescription is for an opioid and the prescription is only for a five day period or less; or~~

~~(ii)(a) The prescription is for a stimulant.~~

~~(b) A prescription for a stimulant shall meet the following criteria:~~

~~(1) The prescription was originally initiated by a physician;~~

~~(2) The physician has evaluated the patient within six (6) months before the advanced practice registered nurse~~

~~issues a prescription; and~~

~~(3) The prescription by the advanced practice registered nurse is to treat the same condition as the original prescription.~~

(B) The Arkansas State Board of Nursing shall adopt rules for safe and appropriate prescribing of stimulant medications listed in Schedule II.

(3)(A) The Arkansas State Board of Nursing shall promptly adopt rules applicable to an advanced practice registered nurse that are consistent with the Arkansas State Medical Board's rules governing the prescription of dangerous drugs and controlled substances.

(B) Before approval of the Arkansas State Board of Nursing's rules, the Arkansas State Medical Board shall review the proposed rules and verify that the proposed rules are consistent with the Arkansas State Medical Board's rules concerning the prescription of dangerous drugs and controlled substances.