

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

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 269

By: Senators C. Penzo, B. Davis, D. Wallace

By: Representative Wooldridge

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS REGARDING LOCATIONS
FOR AND GEOGRAPHIC AREAS OF A HOSPICE AGENCY; AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS REGARDING
LOCATIONS FOR AND GEOGRAPHIC AREAS OF A
HOSPICE AGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-8-107(a), concerning the expansion of facilities and services under the Health Services Permit Agency, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) Unless otherwise provided in this subchapter, all health facilities seeking to add new beds or perform additional home health services or to expand existing bed capacity shall apply for a permit approving additional beds or services or expanded bed capacity or services pursuant to procedures and criteria promulgated by the Health Services Permit Commission, except an additional permit shall not be required for:

(A) Home home health services agencies currently licensed by the Department of Health to expand geographic service areas if the home health services agency has a primary or branch office located within one hundred (100) miles of the location of the services; or

(B) Hospice agencies currently licensed by the Department of Health to expand geographic service areas if the hospice agency has a primary office, satellite office, or alternate delivery site located within



one hundred (100) miles of the location of the services.

(2) A home health services agency or a hospice agency shall provide notification to the Department of Health and the Health Services Permit Agency forty-five (45) days in advance of adding an office location from which the home health services agency or hospice agency plans to serve within a one-hundred-mile area of the new location.

(3) The Department of Health and the Health Services Permit Agency shall record any expansion in service area in its publicly distributed records.

(4) A home health service agency or a hospice agency that is providing services outside of a permitted service area shall be subject to appropriate penalties under § 20-7-101 and § 20-10-803.

/s/C. Penzo