

1 State of Arkansas  
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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1244

5 By: Representative K. Brown  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS TO OBTAIN A  
10 CERTIFICATE OF FULL INDEPENDENT PRACTICE AUTHORITY BY  
11 A CERTIFIED NURSE PRACTITIONER OR CLINICAL NURSE  
12 SPECIALIST; TO INCREASE ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE BY  
13 CERTIFIED NURSE PRACTITIONERS AND CLINICAL NURSE  
14 SPECIALISTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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18 TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS TO OBTAIN A  
19 CERTIFICATE OF FULL INDEPENDENT PRACTICE  
20 AUTHORITY BY A CERTIFIED NURSE  
21 PRACTITIONER OR CLINICAL NURSE  
22 SPECIALIST.  
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-87-314(b)(1), concerning the  
27 requirements to obtain a certificate of full independent practice authority  
28 by a certified nurse practitioner or clinical nurse specialist, is amended to  
29 read as follows:

30 (b)(1) The Full Independent Practice Credentialing Committee may grant  
31 a certificate of full independent practice authority to a certified nurse  
32 practitioner or a clinical nurse specialist who submits:

- 33 (A) An application;
- 34 (B) An appropriate application fee as determined by the  
35 Full Independent Practice Credentialing Committee;
- 36 (C) Proof of successful completion of ~~six thousand two~~



1 ~~hundred forty (6,240)~~ two thousand (2,000) hours of practice:

2 (i) Under a ~~board required~~ collaborative practice  
3 agreement with a physician; or

4 (ii) From another state, territory, or foreign  
5 country that authorizes a certified nurse practitioner or a clinical nurse  
6 specialist to practice with prescriptive authority if the certified nurse  
7 practitioner or clinical nurse specialist:

8 (a) Has prescriptive authority in the state,  
9 territory, or foreign country; and

10 (b) Provides proof of his or her licensure in  
11 good standing from:

12 (1) The state, territory, or foreign  
13 country; and

14 (2) The Arkansas State Board of Nursing;  
15 and

16 (D) Any other relevant information as determined by the  
17 Full Independent Practice Credentialing Committee.

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