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A Bill

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5 By: Representatives Gonzales, L. Johnson
6 By: Senator J. Boyd
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO CLARIFY THAT AN ADVANCED PRACTICE
10 REGISTERED NURSE WHO PRESCRIBES A STIMULANT MAY
11 SUBSTITUTE A THERAPEUTICALLY EQUIVALENT MEDICATION;
12 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-87-310(b)(2)(B)(ii), concerning the
24 prescriptive authority of an advanced practice registered nurse, is amended
25 to read as follows:

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

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

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

31 (2) The physician has evaluated the
32 patient within six (6) months before the advanced practice registered nurse
33 issues a prescription; and

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



1 (c) An advanced practice registered nurse may
2 substitute a therapeutically equivalent medication of the drug prescribed by
3 the physician under subdivision (b)(2)(B)(ii) of this section.

4 (d) If the advanced practice registered nurse
5 substitutes a therapeutically equivalent medication under subdivision
6 (b)(2)(B)(ii)(c) of this section, the advanced practice registered nurse
7 shall notify the physician who originally prescribed the stimulant of the
8 substitution.

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10 /s/Gonzales

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