

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 294

5 By: Senators B. Pritchard, Altes, Madison
6 By: Representatives Berry, Edwards, Glidewell, Hardwick, Harris, House, Ragland, Schulte, Walters
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9 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

10 AN ACT TO EXEMPT NURSING FACILITIES THAT PROVIDE
11 NURSING CARE EXCLUSIVELY UNDER LIFE-CARE FACILITY
12 CONTRACTS FROM THE STATE'S QUALITY ASSURANCE FEE;
13 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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15 **Subtitle**

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17 PROVIDE NURSING CARE EXCLUSIVELY UNDER
18 LIFE-CARE FACILITY CONTRACTS FROM THE
19 STATE'S QUALITY ASSURANCE FEE.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 10, Subchapter 16 is
25 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

26 20-10-1606. Waiver for nursing facilities that provide nursing care
27 exclusively under life-care facility contracts.

28 (a) The Department of Health and Human Services shall apply for a
29 waiver of the uniform health care related tax under 42 C.F.R. § 433.68, as in
30 effect on January 1, 2007, to exempt each nursing facility that provides
31 nursing care exclusively under contract with life-care facilities licensed
32 under § 23-93-201 et seq. from the quality assurance fee and to allow
33 adjustment of the quality assurance fee paid by state-operated nursing
34 facilities.

35 (b) Upon receiving the waiver, the department shall discontinue



1 collecting the quality assurance fee from any nursing facility that provides
2 nursing care exclusively under life-care facility contracts and adjust the
3 quality assurance fee paid by state-operated nursing facilities pursuant to
4 the waiver.

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/s/ B. Pritchard

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