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## A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1788

5 By: Representative L. Johnson  
6 By: Senator Irvin  
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### For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS HEALTH CARE CONSUMER  
10 ACT; TO REDUCE THE TIME ALLOWED FOR PROCESSING AN  
11 APPLICATION OF A PROVIDER; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

15 TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS HEALTH CARE  
16 CONSUMER ACT; AND TO REDUCE THE TIME  
17 ALLOWED FOR PROCESSING AN APPLICATION OF  
18 A PROVIDER.  
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 23-99-411(a)(2)(A), concerning the number  
23 of days a healthcare insurer is provided to make a decision on an application  
24 of a provider under the Arkansas Health Care Consumer Act, is amended to read  
25 as follows:

26 (2)(A) ~~Healthcare insurers~~ A healthcare insurer shall make a  
27 decision within:

28 (i) Sixty (60) calendar days from the date of  
29 submission of a completed application as defined by rule of the Insurance  
30 Commissioner for participation or a request for renewal by a physician  
31 licensed under the Arkansas Medical Practices Act, § 17-95-201 et seq., § 17-  
32 95-301 et seq., and § 17-95-401 et seq.; and

33 (ii) ~~One hundred eighty (180)~~ ninety (90) calendar  
34 days from the date of submission of a completed application as defined by  
35 rule of the commissioner for participation or a request for renewal by any  
36 other provider.



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