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Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill No. 1160

TO AMEND THE PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY OF AN ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE; TO
CREATE THE CERTIFIED NURSE PRACTITIONER MEDICALLY UNDERSERVED PERMIT PROGRAM.

Amendment No. 2 to House Bill No. 1160

Amend House Bill No. 1160 as engrossed, H2/25/15 (version: 02/25/2015 9:17:47 AM):

Delete the subtitle in its entirety and substitute:

"TO AMEND THE PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY OF
AN ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE;
AND TO CREATE THE CERTIFIED NURSE
PRACTITIONER MEDICALLY UNDERSERVED
PERMIT PROGRAM."

AND

Page 3, delete lines 3 through 6 and substitute the following:

"(3)(A) "Medically underserved area" means the following
counties:

- (i) Arkansas;
- (ii) Ashley;
- (iii) Baxter;
- (iv) Bradley;
- (v) Calhoun;
- (vi) Chicot;
- (vii) Clay;
- (viii) Cleveland;
- (ix) Crittenden;
- (x) Cross;
- (xi) Dallas;
- (xii) Desha;
- (xiii) Drew;
- (xiv) Fulton;
- (xv) Grant;
- (xvi) Greene;
- (xvii) Independence;
- (xviii) Izard;



(xix) Jackson;
(xx) Jefferson;
(xxi) Lawrence;
(xxii) Lafayette;
(xxiii) Lee;
(xxiv) Lincoln;
(xxv) Lonoke;
(xxvi) Marion;
(xxvii) Mississippi;
(xxviii) Monroe;
(xxix) Ouachita;
(xxx) Phillips;
(xxxi) Poinsett;
(xxxii) Prairie;
(xxxiii) Randolph;
(xxxiv) Searcy;
(xxxv) Sharp;
(xxxvi) St. Francis;
(xxxvii) Stone;
(xxxviii) Union;
(xxxix) Van Buren; and
(xl) Woodruff.

(B) Additional counties may be added in the future as determined necessary by the Department of Health upon review by the Legislative Council; and"

Page 4, line 16, delete "two (2)" and substitute "three (3)"

AND

Page 4, line 17, delete "two thousand (2,000)" and substitute "three thousand (3,000)"

AND

Page 4, line 22, delete "application" and substitute "the application"

AND

Page 4, delete line 23 and substitute the following:
"Arkansas State Board of Nursing with the application, including without limitation the recommendations of the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Committee of the Arkansas State Board of Nursing."

AND

Page 5, delete line 20 and substitute the following:
"liability policy for the provision of services."

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code Title 17, Chapter 87, Subchapter 2, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:
17-87-208. Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Committee – Membership.

(a)(1) The Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Committee is created within the Arkansas State Board of Nursing.

(2) The committee shall consist of five (5) members appointed by the board from a list of individuals who are advanced practice registered nurses.

(b)(1) Committee members shall serve three-year terms.

(2) A committee member shall serve until a successor is appointed by the board.

(3) If a vacancy occurs, the board shall appoint a new member to fill the vacancy.

(c)(1) The committee shall elect a chair with powers and duties the committee shall fix.

(2) The chair shall serve a two-year term.

(3) A chair may be elected for no more than two (2) consecutive terms.

(d)(1) A quorum of the committee shall be three (3) members.

(2) The committee shall hold a meeting at least quarterly and at other times the committee considers advisable.

(e)(1) The committee members shall serve without remuneration.

(2) However, if funds are available, the committee members may receive expense reimbursement and stipends in accordance with § 25-16-902, as follows:

(A) The member's actual expenses while attending regular and special meetings of the committee; and

(B) A per diem allowance when in attendance at regular or special meetings of the committee.

(f) Members of the committee who are members of the board shall receive remuneration as now provided to members of the board.

(g) The purpose of the committee is to review all applications for a certified nurse practitioner medically underserved permit under the Certified Nurse Practitioner Medically Underserved Permit Program, § 17-87-801 et seq.

SECTION 4. DO NOT CODIFY. Implementation.

(a) On the effective date of this act, a certified nurse practitioner who is presently practicing in a county listed in the medically underserved area in Section 2 of this act may immediately apply for a certified nurse practitioner medically underserved permit under the Certified Nurse Practitioner Medically Underserved Permit Program, § 17-87-801 et seq.

(b) If a county listed in Section 2 of this act is removed from the list of counties in the medically underserved area, additional certified nurse practitioner medically underserved permits under the Certified Nurse Practitioner Medically Underserved Permit Program, § 17-87-801 et seq., shall not be granted in the county that is removed from the list of counties."

The Amendment was read _____

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