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3 State of Arkansas  
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# A Bill

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HOUSE BILL

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7 By: Representative K. Brown

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9 Filed with: House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor  
10 pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

## 11 For An Act To Be Entitled

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

## 18 19 20 Subtitle

21 TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS TO OBTAIN A  
22 CERTIFICATE OF FULL INDEPENDENT PRACTICE  
23 AUTHORITY BY A CERTIFIED NURSE  
24 PRACTITIONER OR CLINICAL NURSE  
25 SPECIALIST.

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27 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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29 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-87-314(b)(1), concerning the  
30 requirements to obtain a certificate of full independent practice authority  
31 by a certified nurse practitioner or clinical nurse specialist, is amended to  
32 read as follows:

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

36 (A) An application;

1 (B) An appropriate application fee as determined by the  
2 Full Independent Practice Credentialing Committee;

3 (C) Proof of successful completion of ~~six thousand two~~  
4 ~~hundred forty (6,240)~~ one thousand (1,000) hours of practice:

5 (i) Under a ~~board required~~ collaborative practice  
6 agreement with a physician or an advanced practice registered nurse who has  
7 obtained a certificate of full independent practice authority; or

8 (ii) From another state, territory, or foreign  
9 country that authorizes a certified nurse practitioner or a clinical nurse  
10 specialist to practice with prescriptive authority if the certified nurse  
11 practitioner or clinical nurse specialist:

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

14 (b) Provides proof of his or her licensure in  
15 good standing from:

16 (1) The state, territory, or foreign  
17 country; and

18 (2) The Arkansas State Board of Nursing;  
19 and

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

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