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A Bill

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HOUSE BILL

By: Representative Bentley

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

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE A LICENSED NURSE TO PIERCE EARS WITHOUT ADDITIONAL LICENSURE AS A BODY ARTIST; TO CLARIFY THAT THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE FOR A LICENSED NURSE INCLUDES EAR PIERCING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AUTHORIZE A LICENSED NURSE TO PIERCE EARS WITHOUT ADDITIONAL LICENSURE AS A BODY ARTIST; AND TO CLARIFY THAT THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE FOR A LICENSED NURSE INCLUDES EAR PIERCING.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 17, Chapter 26, Subchapter 6, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

17-26-614. Exemptions.

This subchapter does not apply to a licensed nurse who performs piercing of the ear with:

(1) A presterilized, disposable, single-use stud or solid needle that is applied to force the needle or stud through the earlobe; or

(2) A presterilized, disposable, single-use hollow needle that is used to create an opening in the ear through which sterilized jewelry is

inserted.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 17, Chapter 87, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

17-87-108. Ear piercing authorized.

The general practice of nursing includes without limitation piercing the ear with:

(1) A presterilized, disposable, single-use stud or solid needle that is applied to force the needle or stud through the earlobe; or

(2) A presterilized, disposable, single-use hollow needle that is used to create an opening in the ear through which sterilized jewelry is inserted.

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