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By: Senator C. Penzo

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS TO OBTAIN A CERTIFICATE OF FULL INDEPENDENT PRACTICE AUTHORITY BY A CERTIFIED NURSE PRACTITIONER OR CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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

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

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

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

(A) An application;

(B) An appropriate application fee as determined by the

Full Independent Practice Credentialing Committee;

(C) Proof of successful completion of ~~six thousand two hundred forty (6,240)~~ two thousand (2,000) hours of practice:

(i) Under a ~~board-required~~ collaborative practice agreement with a physician; or

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

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

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

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

(2) The Arkansas State Board of Nursing; and

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

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