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"AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT ANY TIME SPENT BY A NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATOR IN CARRYING OUT HIS OR HER AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITIES AS AN ADMINISTRATOR OF A NURSING HOME FACILITY DURING NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS WHETHER ON OR OFF THE PREMISES OF THE FACILITY SHALL BE COUNTED TOWARD THE MINIMUM FORTY HOURS PER WEEK SUCH ADMINISTRATOR IS REQUIRED TO BE ON PREMISES OF THE FACILITY DURING NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. It is hereby found and determined by the General Assembly that nursing home administrators are required to attend hearings, meet with personnel in the office of Long-Term Care in Little Rock to complete continuing education on an annual basis in order to be relicensed, to attend to banking, purchasing and other duties connected with the operation of a nursing home during normal business hours; that this time spent by such nursing home administrators whether on or off the premises of the nursing home facility should in all fairness be counted for purposes of determining whether such administrator has met all requirements prescribed by law or regulations concerning the minimum number of hours such administrator must be on the premises each week during normal business hours; and that it is the purpose and intent of this Act to provide that such time shall be counted toward the minimum forty-hour requirement.

SECTION 2. Hereafter, all time spent by a nursing home administrator during normal business hours in attending to his or her responsibilities as a nursing home administrator, whether on or off the premises of the facility, shall be counted toward meeting any requirement by law or regulation that a

nursing home administrator be on the premises of the nursing home facility a minimum of forty hours per week during normal business hours.

SECTION 3. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the General Assembly that in carrying out their responsibilities as nursing home administrators, such administrators are required to attend hearings and meetings, to complete continuing education requirements on an annual basis, and to attend to banking, purchasing and other business of the nursing home during normal business hours; that under present requirements, such administrators are not permitted to count those hours spent in carrying out their responsibilities as a nursing home administrator while off the premises of the nursing home facility; that such requirement is unfair and creates a severe burden on nursing home administrators and should be relaxed to the extent of permitting such administrators to count all time spent during normal business hours in carrying out their responsibilities as a nursing home administrator whether on or off the premises of the facility; that this Act is designed to accomplish this desirable purpose and should be given effect immediately. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

