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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1267

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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO REQUIRE A SPECIFIC NUMBER OF HOURS OF
10 DEMENTIA TRAINING FOR HOME CAREGIVERS; AND FOR OTHER
11 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 TO REQUIRE A SPECIFIC NUMBER OF HOURS OF
16 DEMENTIA TRAINING FOR HOME CAREGIVERS.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-77-2303(b)(3), concerning home caregiver
22 training requirements, is amended to read as follows:

23 (3) Except as provided under subsection (e) of this section, has
24 successfully completed a caregiver training course addressing the following
25 core competencies approved by the Department of Health, including not less
26 than forty (40) hours of training in:

- 27 (A) Body functions;
- 28 (B) Body mechanics and safety precautions;
- 29 (C) Communication skills;
- 30 (D) ~~Dementia and Alzheimer's disease~~ At least four (4)

31 hours of the forty (40) required hours covering Alzheimer's disease and
32 dementia, including:

- 33 (i) Communication skills;
- 34 (ii) Problem-solving with challenging behaviors;
- 35 (iii) Assistance with daily living; and
- 36 (iv) Explanation of Alzheimer's disease and other



1 dementia;

2 (E) Emergency situations, including recognition of
3 conditions and proper procedures;

4 (F) Household safety and fire prevention;

5 (G) Infection control and prevention, including
6 maintaining a safe and clean working environment;

7 (H) Ethical considerations and state law regarding
8 delegation of nursing tasks to unlicensed personnel;

9 (I) Nutrition;

10 (J) At least sixteen (16) hours of the forty (40) required
11 hours covering physical skills and competent demonstration of such skills
12 for:

13 (i) Ambulation;

14 (ii) Basic housekeeping procedures, including
15 laundry skills;

16 (iii) Bathing, shampooing, and shaving;

17 (iv) Dressing and undressing;

18 (v) Meal preparation and clean up;

19 (vi) Oral hygiene;

20 (vii) Range of motion;

21 (viii) Toileting; and

22 (ix) Transfer techniques;

23 (K) Record keeping and documentation of activities;

24 (L) Role of caregiver in a healthcare team; and

25 (M) Nail and skin care.

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