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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1348

5 By: Representative L. Johnson
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7 For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO ENCOURAGE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A STATE AUDIT
9 PROCESS CONCERNING QUALIFIED PAYMENT AMOUNTS; TO
10 AUTHORIZE THE STATE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT TO DEVELOP A
11 STATE AUDIT PROCESS CONCERNING QUALIFIED PAYMENT
12 AMOUNTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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15 Subtitle

16 TO ENCOURAGE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A STATE
17 AUDIT PROCESS CONCERNING QUALIFIED
18 PAYMENT AMOUNTS; AND TO AUTHORIZE THE
19 STATE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT TO DEVELOP A
20 STATE AUDIT PROCESS CONCERNING QUALIFIED
21 PAYMENT AMOUNTS.
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 23, Chapter 66, Subchapter 2, is
27 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

28 23-66-216. Qualified payment amount – State audit process – Rules.

29 (a) The State Insurance Department shall develop a state audit process
30 to ensure compliance with the requirements in the No Surprises Act of the
31 Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, Pub. L. No. 116-260, related to the
32 calculation of a qualified payment amount.

33 (b) The department shall promulgate rules to implement and administer
34 this section.
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36 SECTION 2. DO NOT CODIFY. Rules.



1 (a) When adopting the initial rules required under this act, the State
2 Insurance Department shall file the final rules with the Secretary of State
3 for adoption under § 25-15-204(f):

4 (1) On or before January 1, 2024; or

5 (2) If approval under § 10-3-309 has not occurred by January 1,
6 2024, as soon as practicable after approval under § 10-3-309.

7 (b) The department shall file the proposed rules with the Legislative
8 Council under § 10-3-309(c) sufficiently in advance of January 1, 2024, so
9 that the Legislative Council may consider the rules for approval before
10 January 1, 2024.

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/s/L. Johnson