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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1587

5 By: Representative L. Johnson  
6 By: Senator J. Boyd  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT CONCERNING THE ANY WILLING PROVIDER LAWS; TO  
10 AMEND THE PATIENT PROTECTION ACT OF 1995; AND FOR  
11 OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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15 CONCERNING THE ANY WILLING PROVIDER  
16 LAWS; AND TO AMEND THE PATIENT  
17 PROTECTION ACT OF 1995.  
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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 § 23-99-203(d), concerning the definition of  
22 "healthcare provider" under the Patient Protection Act of 1995, is amended to  
23 read as follows:

24 (d) "Healthcare provider" means those individuals or entities licensed  
25 by the State of Arkansas to provide healthcare services, limited to the  
26 following:

- 27 (1) Advanced practice nurses;
- 28 (2) Athletic trainers;
- 29 (3) Audiologists;
- 30 (4) Certified behavioral health providers;
- 31 (5) Certified orthotists;
- 32 (6) Chiropractors;
- 33 (7) Community mental health centers or clinics;
- 34 (8) Dentists;
- 35 (9) Home health care;
- 36 (10) Hospice care;



- 1 (11) Hospital-based services;
- 2 (12) Hospitals;
- 3 (13) Licensed ambulatory surgery centers;
- 4 (14) Licensed certified social workers;
- 5 (15) Licensed dieticians;
- 6 (16) Licensed intellectual and developmental disabilities
- 7 service providers;
- 8 (17) Licensed professional counselors;
- 9 (18) Licensed psychological examiners;
- 10 (19) Long-term care facilities;
- 11 (20) Occupational therapists;
- 12 (21) Optometrists;
- 13 (22) Pharmacists and pharmacies;
- 14 (23) Physical therapists;
- 15 (24) Physicians and surgeons (M.D. and D.O.);
- 16 (25) Podiatrists;
- 17 (26) Prosthetists;
- 18 (27) Psychologists;
- 19 (28) Respiratory therapists;
- 20 (29) Rural health clinics; and
- 21 (30) Speech pathologists.

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23 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 23-99-802(4), concerning the definition of

24 "healthcare provider" as used under the any willing provider laws, is amended

25 to read as follows:

26 (4) "Healthcare provider" or "provider" means those individuals

27 or entities licensed by the State of Arkansas to provide healthcare services,

28 limited to the following:

- 29 (A) Advanced practice nurses;
- 30 (B) Athletic trainers;
- 31 (C) Audiologists;
- 32 (D) Certified behavioral health providers;
- 33 (E) Certified orthotists;
- 34 (F) Chiropractors;
- 35 (G) Community mental health centers or clinics;
- 36 (H) Dentists;

- 1 (I) Home health care;
- 2 (J) Hospice care;
- 3 (K) Hospital-based services;
- 4 (L) Hospitals;
- 5 (M) Licensed ambulatory surgery centers;
- 6 (N) Licensed certified social workers;
- 7 (O) Licensed dietitians;
- 8 (P) Licensed durable medical equipment providers;
- 9 (Q) Licensed intellectual and developmental disabilities
- 10 service providers;
- 11 (R) Licensed professional counselors;
- 12 (S) Licensed psychological examiners;
- 13 (T) Long-term care facilities;
- 14 (U) Occupational therapists;
- 15 (V) Optometrists;
- 16 (W) Pharmacists and pharmacies;
- 17 (X) Physical therapists;
- 18 (Y) Physicians and surgeons (M.D. and D.O.);
- 19 (Z) Podiatrists;
- 20 (AA) Prosthetists;
- 21 (BB) Psychologists;
- 22 (CC) Respiratory therapists;
- 23 (DD) Rural health clinics;
- 24 (EE) Speech pathologists; and
- 25 (FF) Other healthcare practitioners as determined by the
- 26 State Insurance Department in rules promulgated under the Arkansas
- 27 Administrative Procedure Act, § 25-15-201 et seq.;

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