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A Bill

SENATE BILL 58

5 By: Senators J. Dismang, Irvin
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO REMOVE THE PROHIBITION ON NONPROFIT, TAX
10 EXEMPT, OR GOVERNMENTALLY-FUNDED HOSPITALS HOLDING A
11 LICENSED PHARMACY PERMIT FOR THE SALE AT RETAIL OF
12 DRUGS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-92-607 is amended to read as follows:

24 17-92-607. ~~Unlawful for hospital to hold licensed pharmacy permit—~~
25 ~~Exceptions~~ Hospitals holding a retail pharmacy permit.

26 (a) ~~It shall be unlawful for any~~ A nonprofit, tax exempt, or
27 governmentally_funded hospital ~~to~~ may acquire direct or indirect interest in
28 or otherwise hold directly or indirectly a licensed pharmacy permit ~~pursuant~~
29 ~~to the provisions of~~ under § 17-92-405, for the sale at retail of drugs and
30 medicines.

31 (b)(1) ~~However, this section does not prohibit any hospital having a~~
32 ~~direct or indirect interest in or otherwise holding either directly or~~
33 ~~indirectly a permit before March 28, 1975, from continuing to have an~~
34 ~~interest in or holding the permit.~~

35 (2) ~~This section does not prohibit any hospital so holding a~~
36 ~~permit before March 28, 1975, from receiving a renewal of the permit.~~



1 (3) This section does not ~~prohibit dispensing~~ modify or change
2 the ability of a hospital to dispense drugs or medications through a hospital
3 pharmacy continuity of care endorsement or to hospital employees and
4 students.
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