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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1274

5 By: Representative Pilkington
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE AN ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED
9 NURSE WHO HAS SERVED A RURAL COMMUNITY TO PRACTICE
10 WITHOUT A COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE AGREEMENT; AND FOR
11 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 § 17-87-310(a), concerning the prescriptive
24 authority of an advanced practice registered nurse, is amended to read as
25 follows:

26 (a) The Arkansas State Board of Nursing may grant a certificate of
27 prescriptive authority to an advanced practice registered nurse who:

28 (1) Submits proof of successful completion of an Arkansas State
29 Board of Nursing-approved advanced pharmacology course that shall include
30 preceptorial experience in the prescription of drugs, medicines, and
31 therapeutic devices; and

32 (2) Either:

33 (A) Has a collaborative practice agreement with a
34 practicing physician who is licensed under the Arkansas Medical Practices
35 Act, § 17-95-201 et seq., § 17-95-301 et seq., and § 17-95-401 et seq., and
36 who has training in scope, specialty, or expertise to that of the advanced



1 practice registered nurse on file with the Arkansas State Board of Nursing;
2 or

3 (B) Has:

4 (i) Served a rural community with a population of
5 five thousand (5,000) or less for a period of five (5) years; and

6 (ii) Submitted:

7 (a) A criminal background check and a
8 statement from a licensing authority showing that a criminal charges
9 involving the applicant or an adverse administrative action against the
10 applicant has not occurred during the five-year period; and

11 (b) A letter of recommendation from a
12 physician licensed in this state or an osteopathic physician licensed in this
13 state.

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