

1 State of Arkansas
2 90th General Assembly
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1636

5 By: Representatives Eaves, M.J. Gray
6 By: Senator Caldwell
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE EXEMPTION OF A STUDENT, INTERN,
10 OR RESIDENT PRACTICING MEDICINE IN AN OSTEOPATHIC
11 RESIDENCY FROM LICENSURE UNDER THE ARKANSAS MEDICAL
12 PRACTICES ACT; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER
13 PURPOSES.
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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27 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-95-203(7) is amended to read as follows:

28 (7) The rendering of services by ~~students, interns, or residents~~
29 or fellows in a ~~licensed and approved hospital having an internship or~~
30 residency or fellowship training program approved by the ~~American Medical~~
31 Association Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, American
32 Osteopathic Association, ~~or~~ the State Board of Health, or the United States
33 Government;
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35 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
36 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that there is an immediate need to



1 add osteopathic residency positions within the state and osteopathic
 2 residency positions must be added before July 1, 2015, in order to assure
 3 that osteopathic residency positions are available for the coming year; and
 4 that this act is immediately necessary because the public health and economy
 5 of the State of Arkansas are linked to the effectiveness and availability of
 6 a capable and strong medical workforce and expanded residency or fellowship
 7 opportunities will help address the projected healthcare workforce shortage
 8 by ensuring the sufficient, well-trained, and competent medical professionals
 9 are available to meet the needs of the citizens of Arkansas. Therefore, an
 10 emergency is declared to exist, and this act being immediately necessary for
 11 the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become
 12 effective on:

13 (1) The date of its approval by the Governor;

14 (2) If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor,
 15 the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the
 16 bill; or

17 (3) If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is
 18 overridden, the date the last house overrides the veto.

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