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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1525

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE ARKANSAS STATE MEDICAL BOARD
AND THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF NURSING TO DEVELOP A
JOINT APPLICATION FOR COLLABORATIVE AGREEMENTS
BETWEEN COLLABORATING PHYSICIANS AND ADVANCED
PRACTICE NURSES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

Section 1. Arkansas Code Title 17, Chapter 87, Subchapter 2 is amended
to read as follows:

17-87-208. Joint application for collaborative agreements.

(a) The Arkansas State Medical Board and the Arkansas State Board of
Nursing shall develop a joint application for collaborative agreements
between collaborating physicians and advanced practice nurses.

(b) The application required under subsection (a) of this section
shall include without limitation:

(1) The physical locations of the practices of the collaborating
physician and the advanced practice nurse;

(2) The manner of communication between the collaborating



1 physician and the advanced practice nurse;

2 (3) The specialty and scope of practice of the collaborating
3 physician and the advanced practice nurse;

4 (4) The quality assurance plan to be used by the collaborating
5 physician and the advanced practice nurse; and

6 (5) A copy of the collaborative agreement between the
7 collaborating physician and the advanced practice nurse exclusive of specific
8 practice protocols.

9 (c) If either the Arkansas State Medical Board or the Arkansas State
10 Board of Nursing makes a substantive change in one (1) or more of the items
11 listed in subsection (b) of this section, the board making the change shall
12 immediately notify the other board of the change.

13 (d) The Arkansas State Medical Board and the Arkansas State Board of
14 Nursing shall develop joint criteria for reviewing compliance by their
15 licensees with the rules developed under this act for the application for a
16 collaborative agreement.

17 (e) On or before December 31, 2017, the Arkansas State Medical Board
18 and the Arkansas State Board of Nursing shall present the rules developed to
19 implement this act to the Legislative Council.