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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1024

5 By: Representative Boyd  
6 By: Senator Irvin  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO MODIFY THE DEFINITION OF "CHRONIC  
10 NONMALIGNANT PAIN" IN THE COMBATING PRESCRIPTION DRUG  
11 ABUSE ACT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

15 TO MODIFY THE DEFINITION OF "CHRONIC  
16 NONMALIGNANT PAIN" IN THE COMBATING  
17 PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE ACT.  
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-7-702(2), concerning the definition of  
23 "chronic nonmalignant pain" within the Combating Prescription Drug Abuse Act,  
24 is amended to read as follows:

25 (2) "Chronic nonmalignant pain" means pain requiring more than  
26 three (3) consecutive months of prescriptions for:

27 (A) An opioid that is written for more than the equivalent  
28 of ninety (90) tablets, each containing five milligrams (5 mg) of  
29 hydrocodone;

30 (B) A morphine equivalent dose of more than fifteen  
31 milligrams (15 mg) per day; or

32 (C) In the specific case of tramadol, ~~a dose of fifty~~  
33 ~~milligrams (50 mg) or one hundred twenty (120) tablets~~ an average dose  
34 equivalent of two hundred milligrams (200 mg) or greater per day;  
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36 APPROVED: 01/30/2017

