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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1267

5 By: Representative Gonzales  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY OF AN  
9 ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE; AND FOR OTHER  
10 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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14 TO AMEND THE PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY OF AN  
15 ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE.  
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-87-310(b), concerning the prescriptive  
21 authority of an advanced practice registered nurse, is amended to read as  
22 follows:

23 (b)(1) An advanced practice registered nurse with a certificate of  
24 prescriptive authority may receive and prescribe drugs, medicines, or  
25 therapeutic devices appropriate to the advanced practice registered nurse's  
26 area of practice in accordance with rules established by the Arkansas State  
27 Board of Nursing.

28 (2)(A) An advanced practice registered nurse's prescriptive  
29 authority shall extend only to drugs listed in Schedules III – V and, if  
30 expressly authorized by the collaborative practice agreement, also to those  
31 hydrocodone combination products reclassified from Schedule III to Schedule  
32 II as of October 6, 2014.

33 (B)(i) If the advanced practice registered nurse has  
34 successfully completed two thousand (2,000) hours of practice as an advanced  
35 practice registered nurse, his or her prescriptive authority shall extend to  
36 drugs listed in Schedule II.



1                   (ii) An advanced practice registered nurse who has  
 2 completed two thousand (2,000) hours of practice as an advanced practice  
 3 registered nurse before the effective date of this subdivision (b)(2)(B) in  
 4 this state or any other state, territory, or district of the United States  
 5 shall meet the requirements under subdivision (b)(2)(B)(i) of this section.

6                   (iii) An advanced practice registered nurse who  
 7 extends his or her prescriptive authority under subdivision (b)(2)(B)(i) of  
 8 this section shall comply with appropriate laws and rules of the Arkansas  
 9 State Board of Nursing regarding pharmacy practice by an advanced practice  
 10 registered nurse.

11                   (3)(A) The Arkansas State Board of Nursing shall promptly adopt  
 12 rules applicable to an ~~advance~~ advanced practice registered nurse that are  
 13 consistent with the Arkansas State Medical Board’s rules governing the  
 14 prescription of dangerous drugs and controlled substances.

15                   (B) Before approval of the Arkansas State Board of  
 16 Nursing’s rules, the Arkansas State Medical Board shall review the proposed  
 17 rules and verify that the proposed rules are consistent with the Arkansas  
 18 State Medical Board’s rules concerning the prescription of dangerous drugs  
 19 and controlled substances.

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