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STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF ALCOHOLISM & DRUG ABUSE COUNSELORS PROPOSED REVISIONS TO RULES GOVERNING ALCOHOLISM & DRUG ABUSE COUNSELORS

PURPOSE

The Arkansas Department of Health is seeking Governor Sanders' review of proposed amendments to Rule 4 of the State Board of Examiners of Alcoholism & Drug Abuse Counselors.

BACKGROUND

Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 17-27-406, the proposed rule amends the Board's current rule regarding military licensure to allow the board to accept relevant and applicable uniformed service education, training, national certification, or service-issued credential toward licensure qualifications or requirements when considering an application for initial licensure of an individual listed in Ark. Code Ann. §17-4-104. Additionally, adds language defining Automatic Occupational Licensing per Act 137 of 2023.

The following changes are proposed.

(H). Uniformed Service Members Licensure

- Insert definition of what a "uniformed service member" is.
- Insert paragraph (f) to comply with Act 137 of 2023:

(f) The Board shall accept relevant and applicable uniformed service education, training, national certification, or service-issued credential toward licensure qualifications or requirements when considering an application for initial licensure of an individual listed in Ark. Code Ann. §17-4-104.

(I). Act 137 of 2023 allows for automatic occupational licensure

- (a) Insert definition of what automatic occupational licensure means.
- (b) Explain the Automatic Occupational Licensure for Out-of-State Licensure Act.

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Fite, Board Administrator