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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1851

By: Representative Hammer

## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE A REGISTERED NURSE EMPLOYED BY HOSPICE TO SIGN THE MEDICAL CERTIFICATION OF DEATH AND PRONOUNCE DEATH FOR A PATIENT WHO IS RECEIVING HOSPICE SERVICES AND WHO DIES AS A HOSPICE PATIENT IN A HOSPITAL; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

TO AUTHORIZE A REGISTERED NURSE EMPLOYED BY HOSPICE TO SIGN THE MEDICAL CERTIFICATION OF DEATH AND PRONOUNCE DEATH FOR A PATIENT WHO IS RECEIVING HOSPICE SERVICES AND WHO DIES AS A HOSPICE PATIENT IN A HOSPITAL.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-18-601(c)(3), concerning registration for death certificates, is amended to read as follows:

(3) A registered nurse employed by the attending hospice may complete and sign the medical certification of death and pronounce death for a patient who is terminally ill, whose death is anticipated, who is receiving services from a hospice program certified under § 20-7-117, and who dies in a hospice inpatient program or as a hospice patient in a nursing home or hospital.

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