

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.
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As Engrossed: H2/10/17
A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1180

By: Representative Bentley

For An Act To Be Entitled

*AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED
NURSES AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS TO HAVE SIGNATURE
AUTHORITY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.*

Subtitle

TO AUTHORIZE ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED
NURSES AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS TO HAVE
SIGNATURE AUTHORITY.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 17, Chapter 80, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

17-80-120. Signature authority for advanced practice registered nurses and physician assistants.

(a) When a provision of law or rule requires a signature, certification, stamp, verification, affidavit, or endorsement by a physician, the requirement may be fulfilled by an advanced practice registered nurse or a physician assistant in any of the following circumstances:

(1) Certification of disability for patients to receive disabled parking permits or placards from the Office of Motor Vehicle; or

(2) Signature for:

(A) Sports physicals to authorize student athletes to participate in athletic activities;

(B) Physicals for bus drivers;

(C) Forms relating to do-not-resuscitate orders;

(D) Forms excusing a potential jury member due to an



illness;

(E) Death certificates;

(F) Workers' compensation forms;

(G) Forms relating to absenteeism for employment or school purposes; or

(H) Authorizations for durable medical equipment.

(b) This section does not expand the scope of practice of an advanced practice registered nurse or physician assistant.

/s/Bentley

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