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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1181

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE FULL PRACTICE AUTHORITY OF A
CERTIFIED NURSE MIDWIFE TO ALLOW ADMITTING
PRIVILEGES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE FULL PRACTICE AUTHORITY OF
A CERTIFIED NURSE MIDWIFE TO ALLOW
ADMITTING PRIVILEGES.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-87-315(b), concerning the definition of "full practice authority" relating to certified nurse midwives, is amended to read as follows:

(b) As used in this section, "full practice authority" means the authority of a healthcare professional to:

(1) Evaluate patients;
(2) Diagnose medical conditions;
(3) Order and interpret diagnostic tests;
(4) Initiate and manage treatment and care plans, including appropriate comanagement or transfer of high-risk patients to other healthcare professionals as needed; ~~and~~

(5) Prescribe and administer drugs listed in Schedules III – V without a collaborative practice agreement or supervision of another healthcare professional when performing healthcare services;

(6) Admit and discharge patients from a licensed hospital if granted privileges; and



(7) Complete, sign, and submit forms for a certificate of birth or death certificate.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 20-18-401(b) and (c), concerning birth registration generally, are amended to read as follows:

(b)(1) When a birth occurs in an institution or en route thereto, the person in charge of the institution or his or her authorized designee shall obtain the personal data, prepare the certificate, certify that the child was born alive at the place, time, and date stated on the certificate either by signature or in an approved electronic process, and file the certificate as directed in subsection (a) of this section.

(2) The physician, certified nurse midwife, or other person in attendance shall provide the medical information required by the certificate within seventy-two (72) hours after the birth.

(c) When a birth occurs outside an institution:

(1) The certificate shall be prepared and filed by one (1) of the following in the indicated order of priority:

(A) The physician or certified nurse midwife in attendance at or immediately after the birth, or in the absence of such a person;

(B) Any other person in attendance at or immediately after the birth, or in the absence of such a person; or

(C) The father, the mother, or in the absence of the father and the inability of the mother, the person in charge of the premises where the birth occurred; and

(2) The division shall determine what evidence may be required to establish the fact of birth.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 20-18-601(c)(1)(A)(i), concerning medical certification for a death certificate, is amended to read as follows:

(c)(1)(A)(i) The medical certification shall be completed, signed, and returned to the funeral director within three (3) business days after receipt of the death certificate by the physician or certified nurse midwife in charge of the patient's care for the illness or condition that resulted in death, except when inquiry is required by § 12-12-315, § 12-12-318, or § 14-15-301 et seq.

/s/Bentley

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