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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1167

By: Representative L. Johnson

By: Senator Irvin

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MODIFY THE SIGNATURE AUTHORITY FOR ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS; TO CLARIFY THAT DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT INCLUDES DIABETIC SHOES AND SHOE INSERTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO MODIFY THE SIGNATURE AUTHORITY FOR ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS; AND TO CLARIFY THAT DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT INCLUDES DIABETIC SHOES AND SHOE INSERTS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-80-120(a), concerning the signature authority for advanced practice registered nurses and physician assistants, is amended to read as follows:

(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, including without limitation orthotics, prosethetics, and diabetic shoes or shoe inserts that are designed to reduce the risk of skin breakdown in patients with diabetes and existing foot disease and to relieve pressure to prevent diabetic foot ulcers.

/s/L. Johnson

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