

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1131

By: Representative Pilkington

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE AN ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED
NURSE TO DELEGATE CERTAIN TASKS TO MEDICAL ASSISTANTS
AND OTHER UNLICENSED STAFF; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AUTHORIZE AN ADVANCED PRACTICE
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TASKS TO MEDICAL ASSISTANTS AND OTHER
UNLICENSED STAFF.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 17, Chapter 87, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

17-87-107. Delegation of certain nursing tasks.

(a)(1) An advanced practice registered nurse may delegate certain nursing tasks to a qualified and trained healthcare worker who is not licensed or otherwise authorized by state law to perform the nursing task.

(2) A nursing task to be delegated under this section may include the following tasks and any additional tasks authorized by the Arkansas State Board of Nursing:

(A) The administration of medications and immunizations that do not require specialized judgment and skill based on knowledge and application of the principles of biological, physical, and social sciences as determined by the Arkansas State Board of Nursing; and

(B) Phlebotomy activities.

(b) If an advanced practice registered nurse delegates a nursing task



under this section:

(1) The advanced practice registered nurse shall remain responsible for the acts of the healthcare worker providing the delegated task; and

(2) The healthcare worker performing the delegated task shall:

(A) Not be represented to the public as a licensed nurse or other licensed healthcare professional; and

(B) Perform the delegated task under the supervision of the advanced practice registered nurse.

(c) The board shall adopt rules regarding the delegation of the nursing tasks under this section, including without limitation:

(1) The delegated administration of medications and immunizations only within the physical boundaries of the clinical setting of the advanced practice registered nurse;

(2) Evaluation of whether delegation is appropriate according to the severity of a patient's condition;

(3) Training and competency requirements that shall be met by the person administering medications and immunizations; and

(4) Other standards and procedures deemed relevant by the board.

(d)(1) An individual to whom a nursing task is delegated is not authorized to delegate the performance of the nursing task to another individual.

(2) A certified registered nurse anesthetist is not authorized to delegate the administration of anesthesia.

(e) This section does not preempt or repeal any state law that authorizes an individual to perform a particular task.

/s/Pilkington