Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law. Act 862 of the Regular Session

1	State of Arkansas		H3/17/25 S4/8/25				
2	95th General Assembly	\mathbf{A}	Bill				
3	Regular Session, 2025			HOUSE BILL 1734			
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5	By: Representative Childress						
6	By: Senator K. Hammer						
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8		For An Act	To Be Entitled				
9	AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING DEATH						
10	CERTIFICATES; TO CLARIFY THE MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS						
11	WHO MAY SIGN A MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH AND						
12	PRONOUNCE DEATH OF A PATIENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.						
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19	CERTIF	ICATE OF DEATH	AND PRONOUNCE DEATH				
20	OF A P	ATIENT.					
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22	BE IT ENACTED BY THE GE	NERAL ASSEMBLY	OF THE STATE OF ARKA	NSAS:			
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24	SECTION 1. Arkan	sas Code § 20-	18-601(c)(3), concern	ing the signature			
25	for a medical certifica	tion of death	and the pronouncement	of death, is			
26	amended to read as follo	ows:					
27	(3) <u>(A)</u> A re	egistered nurs	e employed by the att	ending hospice may			
28	complete and sign the m	edical certifi	cation of death and p	ronounce death for			
29	a patient who is termina	ally ill, whose	e death is anticipate	d, who is receiving			
30	services from a hospice	program certi	fied under § 20-7-117	, and who dies in a			
31	hospice inpatient progra	am or as a hos	pice patient in a nur	sing home or			
32	hospital.						
33	<u>(B)</u>	An advanced pr	actice registered nur	se may complete and			
34	sign the medical certif	icate of death	and pronounce death	of a patient in a			
35	hospital setting if the	advanced prac	tice registered nurse	is given authority			
36	by the medical staff of the hospital and a physician other than an emergency						

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