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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1180

5 By: Representative Bentley
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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

Subtitle

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14 TO AUTHORIZE ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED
15 NURSES AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS TO HAVE
16 SIGNATURE AUTHORITY.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 17, Chapter 80, Subchapter 1, is*
22 *amended to add an additional section to read as follows:*

23 *17-80-120. Signature authority for advanced practice registered nurses*
24 *and physician assistants.*

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

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

31 *(2) Signature for:*

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

34 *(B) Physicals for bus drivers;*

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

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



1 illness;

2 (E) Death certificates;

3 (F) Workers' compensation forms;

4 (G) Forms relating to absenteeism for employment or school

5 purposes; or

6 (H) Authorizations for durable medical equipment.

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

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10 */s/Bentley*

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