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As Engrossed: S3/18/25

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1167

5 By: Representative L. Johnson
6 By: Senator Irvin
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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

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17 ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES AND
18 PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS; AND TO CLARIFY
19 THAT DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT INCLUDES
20 DIABETIC SHOES AND SHOE INSERTS.
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-80-120(a), concerning the signature
26 authority for advanced practice registered nurses and physician assistants,
27 is amended to read as follows:

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

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

34 (2) Signature for:

35 (A) Sports physicals to authorize student athletes to
36 participate in athletic activities;



- 1 (B) Physicals for bus drivers;
- 2 (C) Forms relating to do-not-resuscitate orders;
- 3 (D) Forms excusing a potential jury member due to an
- 4 illness;
- 5 (E) Death certificates;
- 6 (F) Workers' compensation forms;
- 7 (G) Forms relating to absenteeism for employment or school
- 8 purposes; or
- 9 (H) Authorizations for durable medical equipment,
- 10 including without limitation orthotics, prosethetics, and diabetic shoes or
- 11 shoe inserts that are designed to reduce the risk of skin breakdown in
- 12 patients with diabetes and existing foot disease and to relieve pressure to
- 13 prevent diabetic foot ulcers.

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15 /s/L. Johnson

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