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# A Bill

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7 By: Representative Bentley

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9 Filed with: House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor  
10 pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

## 11 For An Act To Be Entitled

12 AN ACT TO AMEND THE FULL PRACTICE AUTHORITY OF A  
13 CERTIFIED NURSE MIDWIFE TO ALLOW ADMITTING  
14 PRIVILEGES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### 15 16 17 Subtitle

18 TO AMEND THE FULL PRACTICE AUTHORITY OF  
19 A CERTIFIED NURSE MIDWIFE TO ALLOW  
20 ADMITTING PRIVILEGES.

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

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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-87-315(b), concerning the definition of  
25 "full practice authority" relating to certified nurse midwives, is amended to  
26 read as follows:

27 (b) As used in this section, "full practice authority" means the  
28 authority of a healthcare professional to:

- 29 (1) Evaluate patients;
- 30 (2) Diagnose medical conditions;
- 31 (3) Order and interpret diagnostic tests;
- 32 (4) Initiate and manage treatment and care plans, including  
33 appropriate comanagement or transfer of high-risk patients to other  
34 healthcare professionals as needed; ~~and~~

35 (5) Prescribe and administer drugs listed in Schedules III – V  
36 without a collaborative practice agreement or supervision of another

1 healthcare professional when performing healthcare services; and  
2 (6) Admit and discharge patients from a licensed accredited  
3 hospital if granted privileges.

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