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A Bill

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HOUSE BILL

By: Representative L. Johnson

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

For An Act To Be Entitled

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

Subtitle

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PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS; AND TO CLARIFY
THAT DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT INCLUDES
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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-80-120(a), concerning the signature
authority for advanced practice registered nurses and physician assistants,
is amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

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