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**A Bill**

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**HOUSE BILL**

By: Representative Bentley

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

**Subtitle**

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

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

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

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

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

(5) Prescribe and administer drugs listed in Schedules III – V  
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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6 Referred by Representative Bentley

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