

1 State of Arkansas  
2 95th General Assembly  
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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1167

5 By: Representative L. Johnson  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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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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19 PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS; AND TO CLARIFY  
20 THAT DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT INCLUDES  
21 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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