

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **79th General Assembly**
3 **Regular Session, 1993**
4 **By: Senator Snyder**

A Bill

SENATE BILL

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO DESIGNATE AUTHORIZED PERSONS TO REQUEST AND
9 RECEIVE LABORATORY TESTS AT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH; AND
10 FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

13 "AN ACT TO DESIGNATE AUTHORIZED PERSONS TO REQUEST AND
14 RECEIVE LAB TESTS."

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

18 SECTION 1. Upon the effective date of this act, "authorized persons"
19 for the purpose of requesting and receiving laboratory tests from the Arkansas
20 Department of Health shall mean public health nurses, nurse practitioners, and
21 nurse midwives practicing under department protocols, and physicians employed
22 by the Arkansas Department of Health.

24 SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
25 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
26 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

28 SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
29 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
30 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
31 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
32 act are declared to be severable.

34 SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
35 hereby repealed.

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SECTION 5. EMERGENCY. It is hereby found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the provisions of this Act are immediately necessary due to regulations and requirements of the federal government concerning laboratories which impact public health programs at the Arkansas Department of Health; and that this legislation will permit mid-level professionals to serve patients in public health clinics which will improve the efficiency of clinic operations thereby increasing services to patients. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

