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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1851

5 By: Representative Hammer
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE A REGISTERED NURSE EMPLOYED BY
9 HOSPICE TO SIGN THE MEDICAL CERTIFICATION OF DEATH
10 AND PRONOUNCE DEATH FOR A PATIENT WHO IS RECEIVING
11 HOSPICE SERVICES AND WHO DIES AS A HOSPICE PATIENT IN
12 A HOSPITAL; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-18-601(c)(3), concerning registration
27 for death certificates, is amended to read as follows:

28 (3) A registered nurse employed by the attending hospice may
29 complete and sign the medical certification of death and pronounce death for
30 a patient who is terminally ill, whose death is anticipated, who is receiving
31 services from a hospice program certified under § 20-7-117, and who dies in a
32 hospice inpatient program or as a hospice patient in a nursing home or
33 hospital.
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