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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1659

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For An Act To Be Entitled

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10 AN ACT TO AMEND THE DEATH CERTIFICATE REGISTRATION
11 PROCESS FOR THE SIGNATURE OF THE MEDICAL CERTIFICATE;
12 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 TO AMEND THE DEATH CERTIFICATE
17 REGISTRATION PROCESS FOR THE SIGNATURE OF
18 THE MEDICAL CERTIFICATE.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-18-601(i)(1), concerning death
24 certificate registration and the medical certification of death, is amended
25 to read as follows:

26 (i)(1) Upon request, the department may grant a waiver from the
27 requirement of subdivision (c)(1)(A)(ii) of this section that a medical
28 certification be completed using an electronic process or system if a person
29 requesting the waiver:

30 ~~(A) Lacks reliable internet connectivity sufficient to~~
31 ~~ensure access and secure submission to the electronic system;~~

32 ~~(B) Has not received requested training or technical~~
33 ~~assistance from the division on the use of the system and correct submission~~
34 ~~procedure;~~

35 ~~(C)(A)~~ Regularly signs fewer than ~~five (5)~~ ten (10)
36 medical certifications per ~~month~~ year; or



1 ~~(D)~~(B) Shows other good cause for a waiver as determined
2 by the department in its discretion.

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