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

A Bill

ACT 577 OF 1993
SENATE BILL 249

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 "AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 23-79-114 TO REQUIRE
9 INSURANCE COVERAGE TO INCLUDE SERVICES OF CERTIFIED
10 REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETISTS TO THE SAME EXTENT THOSE
11 SERVICES ARE PROVIDED BY PERSONS LICENSED UNDER THE
12 ARKANSAS MEDICAL PRACTICES ACT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

14 "INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE
15 ANESTHETISTS."
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 23-79-114 is amended by inserting an
21 additional subsection at the end thereof to read as follows:

22 "(f) Notwithstanding any provision of any individual or group policy of
23 accident and health insurance, or any provision of a policy, contract, plan,
24 or agreement for hospital or medical service or indemnity, in cases where the
25 policy, contract, plan, or agreement provides for payment or reimbursement for
26 any anesthesia services provided by persons licensed under the Arkansas
27 Medical Practices Act, 17-93-201 et seq., the person entitled to benefits or
28 persons providing services under the policy, contract, plan, or agreement are
29 entitled to *the same method of payment* for the service when the service is
30 provided by any person licensed as a certified registered nurse anesthetist
31 and operating within his area of competence.

32 (1) No person entitled to benefits under this subsection shall be
33 denied freedom of choice to select any practitioner licensed under 17-86-302
34 by any insurer or agency or employee of the insurer or by any department,
35 agency, or employee of this state.

