

Stricken language would be deleted from present law. Underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

ACT 1065 OF 1997
SENATE BILL 142

5 By: Senators Bearden and Boozman
6 By: Representatives Bryant and Curran
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For An Act To Be Entitled

10 "AN ACT TO REDEFINE THE PRACTICE OF CERTIFIED NURSE
11 ANESTHESIA; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

14 "TO REDEFINE THE PRACTICE OF CERTIFIED
15 NURSE ANESTHESIA."
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 17-87-102(3)(B) is amended to read as follows:

20 "(B) Practice of certified registered nurse anesthesia means the
21 performance for compensation of advanced nursing skills relevant to the
22 administration of anesthetics ~~in the presence of and~~ under the supervision of,
23 but not necessarily in the presence of, a licensed physician, ~~or~~ licensed
24 dentist, or other person lawfully entitled to order anesthesia. A certified
25 registered nurse anesthetist may order nurses, within their scope of practice,
26 to administer drugs preoperatively and postoperatively in connection with an
27 anesthetic and/or other operative or invasive procedure that will be or has
28 been provided.

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30 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 17-87-103 is amended to read as follows:

31 "17-87-103. Exceptions.

32 This chapter does not prohibit:

- 33 (1) The furnishing of nursing assistance in an emergency;
34 (2) The practice of nursing which is incidental to their program of
35 study by students enrolled in nursing education programs approved by the
36 board;

1 (3) The practice of any legally qualified nurse of another state who is
2 employed by the United States Government, or any bureau, division, or agency
3 thereof, while in the discharge of his or her official duties, in
4 installations where jurisdiction has been ceded by the State of Arkansas;

5 (4) The practice of any legally qualified and licensed nurse of another
6 state, territory, or foreign country, whose responsibilities include
7 transporting patients into, out of, or through this state, while actively
8 engaged in patient transport, that does not exceed forty-eight (48) hours in
9 this state;

10 (5) Nursing or care of the sick, when done in connection with the
11 practice of the religious tenets of any church by adherents thereof;

12 (6) The care of the sick, when done in accordance with the practice of
13 religious principles or tenets of any well-recognized church or denomination
14 which relies upon prayer or spiritual means of healing;

15 (7) *The administration of anesthetics, ~~in the presence and~~ under the*
16 *supervision of, but not necessarily in the presence of, a licensed physician,*
17 *~~or dentist or other person lawfully entitled to order anesthesia,~~ by a*
18 *graduate nurse anesthetist awaiting certification results while holding a*
19 *temporary permit;*

20 (8) *The administration of anesthetics, ~~in the presence of and~~ under the*
21 *supervision of, but not necessarily in the presence of, a licensed physician,*
22 *~~or dentist or other person lawfully entitled to order anesthesia,~~ by a*
23 *registered nurse who is enrolled as a bona fide student pursuing a course in a*
24 *nurse anesthesia school which is approved by a nationally recognized*
25 *accrediting body and whose graduates are acceptable for certification by a*
26 *nationally recognized certifying body, provided the giving or administering of*
27 *the anesthetics is confined to the educational requirements of the course and*
28 *under the direct supervision of a qualified instructor;*

29 ~~—(9)(A) The administration of anesthetics in the presence of and under~~
30 ~~the supervision of a licensed physician or dentist by a formerly certified~~
31 ~~registered nurse who was registered as a certified registered nurse~~
32 ~~anesthetist and who is not presently certified or recertified and who is~~
33 ~~actively seeking recertification in the manner authorized and prescribed by~~
34 ~~the Council on Recertification of Nurse Anesthetists or other nationally~~
35 ~~recognized recertification body.~~

36 ~~(B) The recertification is to be accomplished within the time frame~~

1 ~~allowed by the Council on Recertification of Nurse Anesthetists;~~

2 ~~(10)~~ (9) Hospital-employed professional paramedics from administering
3 medication for diagnostic procedures under the direction of a physician; or

4 ~~(11)~~ (10) The prescription and administration of drugs, medicines, or
5 therapeutic devices in the presence of and under the supervision of an
6 advanced practice nurse holding a certificate of prescriptive authority, a
7 licensed physician, or licensed dentist by a registered nurse who is enrolled
8 as a student in an advanced pharmacology course, provided the prescription or
9 administration of drugs or medicines, or both, is confined to the educational
10 requirements of the course and under the direct supervision of a qualified
11 instructor."

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13 SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
14 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
15 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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17 SECTION 4. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
18 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
19 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
20 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
21 act are declared to be severable.

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23 SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
24 hereby repealed.

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/s/Bearden and Boozman

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