Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law. Act 862 of the Regular Session

1	State of Arkansas	-	H3/17/25 S4/8/25		
2	95th General Assembly	A	Bill		
3	Regular Session, 2025			HOUSE BILL 1734	
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5	By: Representative Childress				
6	By: Senator K. Hammer				
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8	For An Act To Be Entitled				
9	AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING DEATH				
10	CERTIFICATES; TO CLARIFY THE MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS				
11	WHO MAY SIGN A MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH AND				
12	PRONOUNCE	DEATH OF A PATI	ENT; AND FOR OTHER PUP	RPOSES.	
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22	BE IT ENACTED BY THE G	ENERAL ASSEMBLY	OF THE STATE OF ARKAN	ISAS:	
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24	SECTION 1. Arka	nsas Code § 20-	18-601(c)(3), concerni	ing the signature	
25	for a medical certific	ation of death	and the pronouncement	of death, is	
26	amended to read as fol	lows:			
27	(3) <u>(A)</u> A	registered nurs	se employed by the atte	ending hospice may	
28	complete and sign the	medical certifi	cation of death and pr	conounce death for	
29	a patient who is termi	nally ill, whos	se death is anticipated	l, who is receiving	
30	services from a hospic	e program certi	fied under § 20-7-117,	, and who dies in a	
31	hospice inpatient program or as a hospice patient in a nursing home or				
32	hospital.				
33	<u>(B)</u>	An advanced pr	actice registered nurs	se may complete and	
34	sign the medical certificate of death and pronounce death of a patient in a				
35	hospital setting if the advanced practice registered nurse is given authority				
36	by the medical staff of the hospital and a physician other than an emergency				



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