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2	79th General Assembly ABII ACT 577 OF 1993
3	Regular Session, 1993 SENATE BILL 249
4	By: Senator Bearden
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7	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."
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14	Subtitle
15	"INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE
16	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.

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               (2) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to enlarge or
 2 diminish the practice of certified registered nurse anesthetist under 17-86-
 3 302.
               (3) The purpose of this subsection is to insure that persons
 5 licensed under the Arkansas Medical Practices Act, 17-93-201 et seq., or
 6 persons licensed as certified registered nurse anesthetists under 17-86-302
 7 shall be entitled to the same method of payment for anesthesia services."
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         SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
10 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
11 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.
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         SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
14 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
15 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
16 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
17 act are declared to be severable.
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         SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
20 hereby repealed.
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                                 /s/ Senator Bearden
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                                 APPROVED: 03/18/93
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