A Bill

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "PRACTICE OF CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHESIA"; TO CLARIFY THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE OF A CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETIST; TO REMOVE SUPERVISION REQUIREMENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-87-102(7), concerning the definition of "practice of certified registered nurse anesthesia", is amended to read as follows:

(7)(A) "Practice of certified registered nurse anesthesia" means the performance for compensation of advanced nursing practices by a certified registered nurse anesthetist that are relevant to the administration of anesthetics, analgesics, or procedures, or a combination of anesthetics, analgesics, or procedures, under the supervision of in coordination with, but not necessarily in the presence of, a licensed physician, licensed dentist, or other person lawfully entitled to order anesthesia.
(B) A certified registered nurse anesthetist may order nurses, within his or her scope of practice, to administer drugs preoperatively and postoperatively in connection with an anesthetic, analgesic, or other operative or invasive procedure, or both a combination of anesthetic, analgesic, or other operative or invasive procedure, that will be or has been provided;

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