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As Engrossed: H2/10/17

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1180

5 By: Representative Bentley
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 *AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED*
9 *NURSES AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS TO HAVE SIGNATURE*
10 *AUTHORITY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.*
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Subtitle

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13 TO AUTHORIZE ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED
14 NURSES AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS TO HAVE
15 SIGNATURE AUTHORITY.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 17, Chapter 80, Subchapter 1, is*
22 *amended to add an additional section to read as follows:*

23 17-80-120. Signature authority for advanced practice registered nurses
24 and physician assistants.

25 (a) When a provision of law or rule requires a signature,
26 certification, stamp, verification, affidavit, or endorsement by a physician,
27 the requirement may be fulfilled by an advanced practice registered nurse or
28 a physician assistant in any of the following circumstances:

29 (1) Certification of disability for patients to receive disabled
30 parking permits or placards from the Office of Motor Vehicle; or

31 (2) Signature for:

32 (A) Sports physicals to authorize student athletes to
33 participate in athletic activities;

34 (B) Physicals for bus drivers;

35 (C) Forms relating to do-not-resuscitate orders;

36 (D) Forms excusing a potential jury member due to an



1 illness;

2 (E) Death certificates;

3 (F) Workers' compensation forms;

4 (G) Forms relating to absenteeism for employment or school

5 purposes; or

6 (H) Authorizations for durable medical equipment.

7 (b) This section does not expand the scope of practice of an advanced
8 practice registered nurse or physician assistant.

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10 /s/Bentley

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