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By: Representative Penzo

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pursuant to A.C.A. §10-3-217.

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "PRACTICE OF
CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHESIA" BY REMOVING
SUPERVISION REQUIREMENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "PRACTICE OF
CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHESIA" BY
REMOVING SUPERVISION REQUIREMENTS.

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" regarding the practice of
nursing, 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 ~~under the supervision of~~ in consultation 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 or other
operative or invasive procedure, or both, that will be or has been provided;