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**A Bill**

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HOUSE BILL

By: Representative Penzo

Filed with: House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor  
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;

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