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State of Arkansas

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SENATE BILL 171

By: Senator G. Stubblefield

Filed with: Senate 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 CERTIFIED  
REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETISTS BY REMOVING SUPERVISION  
REQUIREMENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF CERTIFIED  
REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETISTS 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 within the nurse practice  
act, 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 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 or other  
operative or invasive procedure, or both, that will be or has been provided;

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