

Stricken language would be deleted from present law. Underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 142

5 By: Senators Bearden and Boozman
6 By: Representatives Bryant and Curran
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For An Act To Be Entitled

10 "AN ACT TO REDEFINE THE PRACTICE OF CERTIFIED NURSE
11 ANESTHESIA; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."
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Subtitle

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14 "TO REDEFINE THE PRACTICE OF CERTIFIED
15 NURSE ANESTHESIA."
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17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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19 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 17-87-102(3)(B) is amended to read as follows:

20 "(B) Practice of certified registered nurse anesthesia means the
21 performance for compensation of advanced nursing skills relevant to the
22 administration of anesthetics in collaboration with ~~the presence of and under~~
23 ~~the supervision of~~ a licensed physician, ~~or~~ licensed dentist, or other person
24 lawfully entitled to order anesthesia. Collaboration means a process which
25 involves an anesthesiologist, a physician, a dentist, or other person lawfully
26 entitled to order anesthesia, working with a Certified Registered Nurse
27 Anesthetist, each contributing his or her area of expertise, consistent with
28 his or her licensure, to the extent required by the credentialing process of
29 the hospitals, outpatient surgical centers, and clinics where anesthesia is
30 administered. Subject to the credentialing process of hospitals, outpatient
31 surgical centers, and clinics, once anesthesia is ordered by a physician,
32 dentist, or other person lawfully entitled to order anesthesia, a certified
33 registered nurse anesthetist, in collaboration with an anesthesiologist or the
34 ordering physician, dentist, or other person lawfully entitled to order
35 anesthesia, may determine, select, prepare, and administer any substance or
36 technique used to render an individual insensible to pain and to use

1 appropriate equipment and devices as required. A certified registered nurse
2 anesthetist may also order nurses, within their scope of practice, to
3 administer drugs preoperatively and postoperatively in connection with an
4 anesthetic and/or other operative or invasive procedure that will be or has
5 been provided. Nothing in this chapter shall limit or restrict the authority
6 of hospitals, out patient surgical centers, and clinics to determine, through
7 the credentialing process, consistent with the standard of care, the manner
8 and scope of collaboration required for the administration of anesthesia
9 within the hospital, outpatient surgical center, or clinic."

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11 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 17-87-103 is amended to read as follows:

12 "17-87-103. Exceptions.

13 This chapter does not prohibit:

14 (1) The furnishing of nursing assistance in an emergency;

15 (2) The practice of nursing which is incidental to their program of
16 study by students enrolled in nursing education programs approved by the
17 board;

18 (3) The practice of any legally qualified nurse of another state who is
19 employed by the United States Government, or any bureau, division, or agency
20 thereof, while in the discharge of his or her official duties, in
21 installations where jurisdiction has been ceded by the State of Arkansas;

22 (4) The practice of any legally qualified and licensed nurse of another
23 state, territory, or foreign country, whose responsibilities include
24 transporting patients into, out of, or through this state, while actively
25 engaged in patient transport, that does not exceed forty-eight (48) hours in
26 this state;

27 (5) Nursing or care of the sick, when done in connection with the
28 practice of the religious tenets of any church by adherents thereof;

29 (6) The care of the sick, when done in accordance with the practice of
30 religious principles or tenets of any well-recognized church or denomination
31 which relies upon prayer or spiritual means of healing;

32 (7) The administration of anesthetics, in collaboration with the
33 presence and under the supervision of a licensed physician, or dentist or
34 other person lawfully entitled to order anesthesia, by a graduate nurse
35 anesthetist awaiting certification results while holding a temporary permit,
36 subject to the credentialing process of hospitals, outpatient surgical

1 centers, and clinics;

2 (8) The administration of anesthetics, in collaboration with the
3 ~~presence of and under the supervision of~~ a licensed physician, ~~or~~ dentist or
4 other person lawfully entitled to order anesthesia, by a registered nurse who
5 is enrolled as a bona fide student pursuing a course in a nurse anesthesia
6 school which is approved by a nationally recognized accrediting body and whose
7 graduates are acceptable for certification by a nationally recognized
8 certifying body, provided the giving or administering of the anesthetics is
9 confined to the educational requirements of the course and under the direct
10 supervision of a qualified instructor;

11 ~~—(9)(A) The administration of anesthetics in the presence of and under~~
12 ~~the supervision of a licensed physician or dentist by a formerly certified~~
13 ~~registered nurse who was registered as a certified registered nurse~~
14 ~~anesthetist and who is not presently certified or recertified and who is~~
15 ~~actively seeking recertification in the manner authorized and prescribed by~~
16 ~~the Council on Recertification of Nurse Anesthetists or other nationally~~
17 ~~recognized recertification body.~~

18 ~~(B) The recertification is to be accomplished within the time frame~~
19 ~~allowed by the Council on Recertification of Nurse Anesthetists;~~

20 ~~—(10) (9) Hospital-employed professional paramedics from administering~~
21 ~~medication for diagnostic procedures under the direction of a physician; or~~

22 ~~—(11) (10) The prescription and administration of drugs, medicines, or~~
23 ~~therapeutic devices in the presence of and under the supervision of an~~
24 ~~advanced practice nurse holding a certificate of prescriptive authority, a~~
25 ~~licensed physician, or licensed dentist by a registered nurse who is enrolled~~
26 ~~as a student in an advanced pharmacology course, provided the prescription or~~
27 ~~administration of drugs or medicines, or both, is confined to the educational~~
28 ~~requirements of the course and under the direct supervision of a qualified~~
29 ~~instructor."~~

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31 SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
32 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
33 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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35 SECTION 4. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
36 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect

1 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without
2 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
3 act are declared to be severable.

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5 SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
6 hereby repealed.

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/s/Bearden and Boozman

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