

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas  
2 85th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2005

# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2613

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5 By: Representative Bright

## For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT CONCERNING THE NURSE PRACTICE LAW; AND FOR  
10 OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

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13 AN ACT CONCERNING THE NURSE PRACTICE  
14 LAW.

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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(4), concerning the definitions  
20 under the nurse practice law, is amended to read as follows:

21 (4)(A) "Practice of advanced practice nursing" means the  
22 delivery of health care services for compensation by professional nurses who  
23 have gained additional knowledge and skills through successful completion of  
24 an organized program of nursing education that certifies nurses for advanced  
25 practice roles as advanced nurse practitioners, certified nurse anesthetists,  
26 certified nurse midwives, and clinical nurse specialists.

27 (B)(i) "Practice of advanced nurse practitioner nursing"  
28 means the performance for compensation of nursing skills by a registered  
29 nurse who, as demonstrated by national certification, has advanced knowledge  
30 and practice skills in the delivery of nursing services.

31 (ii) "Practice of certified registered nurse  
32 anesthesia" means the performance for compensation of advanced nursing skills  
33 relevant to the administration of anesthetics ~~under the supervision of~~ when  
34 requested by, but not necessarily in the presence of, a licensed physician,  
35 licensed dentist, or other person lawfully entitled to order anesthesia. A  
36 certified registered nurse anesthetist may order nurses, within their scope



1 of practice, to administer drugs preoperatively and postoperatively in  
2 connection with an anesthetic or other operative or invasive procedure, or  
3 both, that will be or has been provided.

4 (iii) "Practice of clinical nurse specialist  
5 nursing" means the performance for compensation of nursing skills by a  
6 registered nurse who, through study and supervised practice at the graduate  
7 level and as evidenced by national certification, has advanced knowledge and  
8 practice skills in a specialized area of nursing practice;

9 (iv) "Practice of nurse midwifery" means the  
10 performance for compensation of nursing skills relevant to the management of  
11 women's health care, focusing on pregnancy, childbirth, the postpartum  
12 period, care of the newborn, family planning, and gynecological needs of  
13 women, within a health care system that provides for consultation,  
14 collaborative management, or referral as indicated by the health status of  
15 the client.

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