

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
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As Engrossed: H3/16/09

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2212

5 By: Representative Shelby
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO CLARIFY WHEN EMPLOYEES OF NURSING
10 FACILITIES ARE NOT REQUIRED TO INITIATE
11 CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION FOR UNWITNESSED
12 DEATHS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 FACILITIES ARE NOT REQUIRED TO INITIATE
17 CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION FOR
18 UNWITNESSED DEATHS.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 *SECTION 1. Title 20, Subtitle 2, Chapter 17, Subchapter 1 is amended*
24 *to add a new section to read as follow:*

25 *20-17-104. Withholding cardiopulmonary resuscitation in nursing*
26 *facilities for unwitnessed deaths.*

27 *(a) As used in this section:*

28 *(1) "Dependent lividity" means clear demarcation of pooled blood*
29 *within the body;*

30 *(2) "Nursing facility" means the same as long-term care facility*
31 *as defined in § 20-10-101; and*

32 *(3) "Rigor" means that major joints such as the jaw, shoulders,*
33 *elbows, hips, or knees are immovable.*

34 *(b) Licensed nurses employed by nursing facilities may withhold*
35 *cardiopulmonary resuscitation from residents of the facility, regardless of*
36 *the presence or absence of a Do Not Resuscitate order when:*



