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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1881

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE REGULATORY RESPONSIBILITIES FOR  
9 PHYSICIAN OFFICE-BASED SURGERY BY ASSIGNING THE  
10 REGULATORY AUTHORITY TO THE ARKANSAS STATE MEDICAL  
11 BOARD; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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17 BASED SURGERY BY ASSIGNING THE REGULATORY  
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19 BOARD.  
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-95-202, concerning definitions for the  
25 Arkansas Medical Practices Act, is amended to add an additional subdivision  
26 to read as follows:

27 (4) "Office-based surgery" means surgery that:

28 (A) Is performed by a physician in a medical office that  
29 is not a hospital, outpatient clinic, or other facility licensed by the State  
30 Board of Health;

31 (B) Requires the use of general or intravenous  
32 anesthetics; and

33 (C) In the opinion of the physician, does not require  
34 hospitalization.  
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36 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 17, Chapter 95, Subchapter 2, is



1 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

2 17-95-209. Regulation of office-based surgery.

3 Within eighteen (18) months after the effective date of this act, the  
 4 Arkansas State Medical Board shall adopt rules to be followed by a physician  
 5 who performs office-based surgery.

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 7 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 20-9-201(9), concerning definitions for the  
 8 regulation of health facilities services, is amended to read as follows:

9 (9)(A) "Outpatient surgery center" means a facility in which  
 10 surgical services, other than minor dental surgery, are offered that require  
 11 the use of general or intravenous anesthetics and where, in the opinion of  
 12 the attending physician, hospitalization, as defined in the present licensure  
 13 law, is not necessary.

14 (B) "Outpatient surgery center" does not include a medical  
 15 office owned and operated by a operated by a physician or more than one (1)  
 16 physician licensed by the Arkansas State Medical Board, if the medical office  
 17 does not bill facility fees to a third party payor;

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 19 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 9, Subchapter 1, is amended  
 20 to add an additional section to read as follows:

21 20-9-223. Medical office licensure.

22 A medical office owned and operated by a physician or more than one (1)  
 23 physician may apply for licensure by the State Board of Health as an  
 24 outpatient surgery center.