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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 78

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO ELIMINATE PHYSICIAN SUPERVISION  
9 REQUIREMENTS IN ANESTHESIA ADMINISTRATION; TO MODIFY  
10 THE DEFINITION OF "PRACTICE OF CERTIFIED REGISTERED  
11 NURSE ANESTHESIA" BY DELETING SUPERVISION LANGUAGE  
12 PREVIOUSLY REQUIRED TO MEET MEDICARE REIMBURSEMENT  
13 MANDATES; TO PROVIDE IMMUNITY IN CERTAIN  
14 CIRCUMSTANCES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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18 TO ELIMINATE PHYSICIAN SUPERVISION  
19 REQUIREMENTS IN ANESTHESIA  
20 ADMINISTRATION; AND TO PROVIDE IMMUNITY  
21 IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.  
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-87-102(7)(A), concerning the definition  
27 of "practice of certified registered nurse anesthesia", is amended to read as  
28 follows:

29 (7)(A) "Practice of certified registered nurse anesthesia" means the  
30 performance for compensation of advanced nursing skills relevant to the  
31 administration of anesthetics ~~under the supervision of, but not necessarily~~  
32 ~~in the presence of, a licensed physician, licensed dentist, or other person~~  
33 ~~lawfully entitled to order anesthesia.~~  
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35 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 17, Chapter 95, Subchapter 1, is  
36 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

1           17-95-109. Coordination with a certified registered nurse anesthetist  
2 - Immunity from liability.

3           A physician who is licensed to practice medicine by the Arkansas State  
4 Medical Board and who renders medical services in coordination with a  
5 certified registered nurse anesthetist who administers anesthetics without  
6 supervision is not liable for damages resulting from an act or omission that  
7 was the result of the administration of anesthetics by the certified  
8 registered nurse anesthetist unless the act or omission was the result of the  
9 physician's gross negligence, willful misconduct, or intentional act.

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