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*As Engrossed: S2/12/15*  
**A Bill**

SENATE BILL 78

5 By: Senator G. Stubblefield  
6 *By: Representative Ballinger*  
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**For An Act To Be Entitled**

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

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

30 (7)(A) "Practice of certified registered nurse anesthesia" means the  
31 performance for compensation of advanced nursing skills relevant to the  
32 *administration of anesthetics ~~under the supervision of, but not necessarily~~*  
33 *~~in the presence of, at the request of~~ a licensed physician, licensed dentist,*  
34 *or other person lawfully entitled to order anesthesia.*  
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36 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 17, Chapter 95, Subchapter 1, is



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

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

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

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*/s/G. Stubblefield*

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