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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1180

5 By: Representative Bentley  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED  
9 NURSES TO HAVE SIGNATURE AUTHORITY; AND FOR OTHER  
10 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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14 TO AUTHORIZE ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED  
15 NURSES TO HAVE SIGNATURE AUTHORITY.  
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 17, Chapter 87, Subchapter 3, is  
21 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

22 17-87-313. Signature authority.

23 (a) When a provision of law or rule requires a signature,  
24 certification, stamp, verification, affidavit, or endorsement by a physician,  
25 the requirement may be fulfilled by an advanced practice registered nurse in  
26 any of the following circumstances:

27 (1) Certification of disability for patients to receive disabled  
28 parking permits or placards from the Office of Motor Vehicle; or

29 (2) Signature for:

30 (A) Sports physicals to authorize student athletes to  
31 participate in athletic activities;

32 (B) Physicals for bus drivers;

33 (C) Forms relating to end-of-life care;

34 (D) Forms excusing a potential jury member due to an  
35 illness;

36 (E) Death certificates;



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(F) Workers' compensation forms; or

(G) Forms relating to absenteeism for employment or school purposes.

(b) This section does not expand the scope of practice of an advanced practice registered nurse.