1   State of Arkansas

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HOUSE BILL 1180

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5   By: Representative Bentley

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7   **For An Act To Be Entitled**

8   *AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED*

9   *NURSES AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS TO HAVE SIGNATURE*

10   *AUTHORITY; AND FOR OTHER* PURPOSES.

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13   **Subtitle**

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19   BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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21   *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 17, Chapter 80, Subchapter 1, is*

22   *amended to add an additional section to read as follows:*

23   *17-80-120. Signature authority for advanced practice registered nurses*

24   *and physician assistants.*

25   (a) When a provision of law or rule requires a signature,

26   certification, stamp, verification, affidavit, or endorsement by a physician,

27   the requirement may be fulfilled by *an advanced practice registered nurse or*

28   *a physician assistant* in any of the following circumstances:

29   (1) Certification of disability for patients to receive disabled

30   parking permits or placards from the Office of Motor Vehicle; or

31   (2) Signature for:

32   (A) Sports physicals to authorize student athletes to

33   participate in athletic activities;

34   (B) Physicals for bus drivers;

35   (C) Forms relating to *do-not-resuscitate orders;*

36   (D) Forms excusing a potential jury member due to an

1   illness;
2   (E)   Death certificates;
3   (F)   Workers' compensation forms;
4   (G)   Forms relating to absenteeism for employment or school
5   purposes; or
6   (H)   Authorizations for durable medical equipment.
7   (b)   This section does not expand the scope of practice of an advanced
8   practice registered nurse or physician assistant.
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10   /s/Bentley
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