

State of Arkansas

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91st General Assembly

A Bill

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HOUSE BILL 1180

By: Representative Bentley

For An Act To Be Entitled

*AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED
NURSES AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS TO HAVE SIGNATURE
AUTHORITY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.*

Subtitle

TO AUTHORIZE ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED
NURSES AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS TO HAVE
SIGNATURE AUTHORITY.

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

*SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 17, Chapter 80, Subchapter 1, is
amended to add an additional section to read as follows:*

*17-80-120. Signature authority for advanced practice registered nurses
and physician assistants.*

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

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

(2) Signature for:

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

(B) Physicals for bus drivers;

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

(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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