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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1181

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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE FULL PRACTICE AUTHORITY OF A
10 CERTIFIED NURSE MIDWIFE TO ALLOW ADMITTING
11 PRIVILEGES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 A CERTIFIED NURSE MIDWIFE TO ALLOW
17 ADMITTING PRIVILEGES.
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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 § 17-87-315(b), concerning the definition of
22 "full practice authority" relating to certified nurse midwives, is amended to
23 read as follows:

24 (b) As used in this section, "full practice authority" means the
25 authority of a healthcare professional to:

26 (1) Evaluate patients;
27 (2) Diagnose medical conditions;
28 (3) Order and interpret diagnostic tests;
29 (4) Initiate and manage treatment and care plans, including
30 appropriate comanagement or transfer of high-risk patients to other
31 healthcare professionals as needed; ~~and~~

32 (5) Prescribe and administer drugs listed in Schedules III – V
33 without a collaborative practice agreement or supervision of another
34 healthcare professional when performing healthcare services;

35 (6) Admit and discharge patients from a licensed accredited
36 hospital if granted privileges; and



1 (7) Complete, sign, and submit forms for a certificate of birth
2 or death certificate.

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4 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 20-18-401(b) and (c), concerning birth
5 registration generally, are amended to read as follows:

6 (b)(1) When a birth occurs in an institution or en route thereto, the
7 person in charge of the institution or his or her authorized designee shall
8 obtain the personal data, prepare the certificate, certify that the child was
9 born alive at the place, time, and date stated on the certificate either by
10 signature or in an approved electronic process, and file the certificate as
11 directed in subsection (a) of this section.

12 (2) The physician, certified nurse midwife, or other person in
13 attendance shall provide the medical information required by the certificate
14 within seventy-two (72) hours after the birth.

15 (c) When a birth occurs outside an institution:

16 (1) The certificate shall be prepared and filed by one (1) of
17 the following in the indicated order of priority:

18 (A) The physician or certified nurse midwife in attendance
19 at or immediately after the birth, or in the absence of such a person;

20 (B) Any other person in attendance at or immediately after
21 the birth, or in the absence of such a person; or

22 (C) The father, the mother, or in the absence of the
23 father and the inability of the mother, the person in charge of the premises
24 where the birth occurred; and

25 (2) The division shall determine what evidence may be required
26 to establish the fact of birth.

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28 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 20-18-601(c)(1)(A)(i), concerning medical
29 certification for a death certificate, is amended to read as follows:

30 (c)(1)(A)(i) The medical certification shall be completed, signed, and
31 returned to the funeral director within three (3) business days after receipt
32 of the death certificate by the physician or certified nurse midwife in
33 charge of the patient's care for the illness or condition that resulted in
34 death, except when inquiry is required by § 12-12-315, § 12-12-318, or § 14-
35 15-301 et seq.

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