

By: Representative Currie

To: Public Health and Human
Services

HOUSE BILL NO. 37

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES AND
2 PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS TO CERTIFY THE CAUSE OF DEATH OF A PERSON AND
3 SIGN THE DEATH CERTIFICATE INSTEAD OF A PHYSICIAN IF THE NURSE OR
4 PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT WAS THE PRIMARY PERSON WHO ATTENDED TO THE
5 CARE OF THE DECEDENT BEFORE THE DEATH OF THE DECEDENT; AND FOR
6 RELATED PURPOSES.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

8 **SECTION 1.** For the completion of a certificate of death, an
9 advanced practice registered nurse or a physician assistant is
10 authorized to certify the cause of death of a person and sign the
11 certificate instead of a physician if the nurse or physician
12 assistant was the primary person who attended to the care of the
13 decedent before the death of the decedent.

14 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
15 and after July 1, 2025.

