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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "PRACTICE OF
CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHESIA" BY REMOVING
SUPERVISION REQUIREMENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "PRACTICE OF
CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHESIA" BY
REMOVING SUPERVISION REQUIREMENTS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-87-102(7), concerning the definition of
"practice of certified registered nurse anesthesia" regarding the practice of
nursing, is amended to read as follows:

(7)(A) "Practice of certified registered nurse anesthesia" means
the performance for compensation of advanced nursing practices by a certified
registered nurse anesthetist that are relevant to the administration of
anesthetics ~~under the supervision of~~ in consultation with, but not
necessarily in the presence of, a licensed physician, licensed dentist, or
other person lawfully entitled to order anesthesia.

(B)(i) A certified registered nurse anesthetist may order
nurses, within his or her scope of practice, to administer drugs
preoperatively and postoperatively in connection with an anesthetic or other
operative or invasive procedure, or both, that will be or has been provided.

(ii) A certified registered nurse anesthetist may select,
obtain, and administer Schedule II drugs only during the perioperative, peri-



1 obstetrical, and medical procedure period.

2 (C) As used in this subdivision (7):

3 (i)(a) "Consultation" means the manner and process
4 utilized between a certified registered nurse anesthetist and a licensed
5 physician, licensed dentist, or other person lawfully entitled to order
6 anesthesia performing the procedure or directly involved with the procedure
7 when working jointly toward a common goal of providing services for the
8 patient.

9 (b) In consultation, the consulting party
10 shall remain immediately available for consultation during the delivery of
11 anesthesia for diagnosis, consultation, and treatment of medical conditions.

12 (c) The hospital's administrative staff,
13 medical staff, and governing body shall determine the guidelines on
14 immediately available for consultation;

15 (ii) "Medical procedure" means a course of action
16 intended to achieve a result in the delivery of healthcare as consulted by a
17 licensed physician, licensed dentist, or other person lawfully entitled to
18 order anesthesia;

19 (iii) "Peri-obstetrical" means preanesthetic
20 preparation or evaluation, anesthesia induction, maintenance or emergence, or
21 postanesthesia care of the pregnant female; and

22 (iv) "Perioperative" means preanesthetic preparation
23 or evaluation, anesthesia induction, maintenance or emergence, or
24 postanesthesia care of clients.

25 (D) For purposes of this subdivision (7), a licensed
26 physician, licensed dentist, or other person lawfully entitled to order
27 anesthesia is not liable for any act or omission of a certified registered
28 nurse anesthetist who orders or administers anesthetics;

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30 SECTION 2. DO NOT CODIFY. Construction.

31 This act does not limit and should not be interpreted to limit the
32 right or authority, or both, of the healthcare facility to choose an
33 anesthesia practice model.

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36 /s/Penzo