

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

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### **House Bill 4356**

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Committee on Health and Human Resources.]



1 A BILL to amend and reenact §30-7-15 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating  
2 to the administration of anesthetics.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

**ARTICLE 7. REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSES.**

**§30-7-15. Administration of anesthetics.**

1 ~~In any case where it is lawful for a duly licensed physician or dentist practicing medicine~~  
2 ~~or dentistry under the laws of this state to administer anesthetics, such anesthetics may lawfully~~  
3 ~~be given and administered by any person (a) who has been licensed to practice registered~~  
4 ~~professional nursing under this article, and (b) who holds a diploma or certificate evidencing his~~  
5 ~~or her successful completion of the educational program of a school of anesthesia duly accredited~~  
6 ~~by the American association of nurse anesthetists: *Provided*, That such anesthesia is~~  
7 ~~administered by such person in the presence and under the supervision of such physician or~~  
8 ~~dentist~~

9 (a) The administration of anesthesia may be provided by a certified registered nurse  
10 anesthetist in cooperation with a physician or dentist. Any act involving the determination,  
11 preparation, administration, or monitoring of anesthesia care and anesthesia care-related  
12 services may be lawfully provided by a certified registered nurse anesthetist who:

13 (1) Has been licensed to practice registered professional nursing under this article;

14 (2) Is licensed as an advanced practice registered nurse under this article;

15 (3) Has successfully completed the educational program of a school for nurse anesthetists  
16 accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs; and

17 (4) Is board certified as a certified registered nurse anesthetist by the National Board of  
18 Certification and Recertification for Nurse Anesthetists.

19 (b) For purposes of this section, "cooperation" means a process in which the certified  
20 registered nurse anesthetist and the surgeon or dentist work together with each contributing an  
21 area of expertise, at their individual and respective levels of education and training.

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NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to update the credentials for a certified nurse anesthetist who cooperates with a physician or dentist.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.