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Committee Substitute

for

Senate Bill 810

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[Passed April 8, 2025; in effect 90 days from passage (July 7, 2025)]

1 AN ACT to amend and reenact §30-7-15 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating
2 to clarifying the qualifications required for the administration of anesthesia; permitting
3 qualified registered nurse may administer anesthesia in cooperation with certain health
4 care professionals; defining term; providing dentist holding specified permit may cooperate
5 with certified registered nurse anesthetist; limiting liability; setting conditions in which a
6 certified registered nurse anesthetist may perform acts; stating that certified registered
7 nurse anesthetist does not have independent practice; setting forth approved titles; and
8 requiring reporting.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 7. REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSES.

§30-7-15. Administration of anesthetics.

1 (a) A certified registered nurse anesthetist may administer anesthesia in cooperation with
2 a physician, dentist, or podiatrist when providing the anesthesia.

3 (1) As used in this section, "cooperation" means a process in which the certified registered
4 nurse anesthetist and the physician, dentist, or podiatrist work together as a team with each
5 contributing an area of expertise at their individual and respective levels of education and training.
6 At all times during such cooperation, the medical or dental care of the patient is directed by the
7 physician, dentist, or podiatrist.

8 (2) A dentist may cooperate with a certified registered nurse anesthetist under this section
9 only if he or she holds an anesthesia permit pursuant to article §30-4A-1 *et seq.* of this code.

10 (3) The physician, dentist, or podiatrist is not liable for any act or omission of a certified
11 registered nurse anesthetist who orders or administers anesthetics under this section.

12 (b) A certified registered nurse anesthetist lawfully may perform acts that determine,
13 prepare, administer, and monitor anesthesia care and anesthesia care-related services if he or
14 she:

15 (1) Has at any time held a registered professional nursing license under this article; and

16 (2) Holds a current advanced practice registered nurse license under this article; and

17 (3) Has completed successfully a nurse anesthetist educational program at a nationally
18 accredited graduate or post-graduate advanced practice registered nurse educational institution;
19 and

20 (4) Holds current certification by a national certifying body recognized by the Board of
21 Nursing in the advanced practice registered nurse role and population foci appropriate for
22 educational preparation.

23 (c) A certified registered nurse anesthetist does not have independent practice authority.

24 (d) A licensed advanced practice registered nurse practicing in the role of certified
25 registered nurse anesthetist may only use the title "certified registered nurse anesthetist",
26 "CRNA", "advanced practice registered nurse", or "APRN".

27 (e) On or before July 1, 2026, and annually thereafter, the Board of Nursing shall report to
28 the Legislature regarding the implementation and impact of this section. The report shall include:

29 (1) Any problems or issues that have been reported to the board by hospitals, dental
30 offices, podiatrist offices, ambulatory surgical centers, and all other locations where nurse
31 anesthetists are authorized to practice in the state; and

32 (2) Any treatment complications resulting from the administration of anesthesia by certified
33 registered nurse anesthetists.

The Clerk of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Delegates hereby
certify that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

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Clerk of the Senate

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Clerk of the House of Delegates

Originated in the Senate.

In effect 90 days from passage.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Delegates

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Governor