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HOUSE BILL 181
Committee Substitute Favorable 3/18/13

Short Title: Physician Suprvsn. Required/Nurse Anesthetist. (Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 4, 2013

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO CONFIRM THAT NORTH CAROLINA LAW REQUIRES PHYSICIAN SUPERVISION OF ALL NURSES PROVIDING ANESTHESIA SERVICES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 90-18(c) is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

"(c) The following shall not constitute practicing medicine or surgery as defined in this Article:

…

(14a) The provision of anesthesia services by a nurse anesthetist, so long as the anesthesia services are provided under the supervision of (i) a physician licensed under this Article or (ii) a licensed dentist who is qualified to provide anesthesia services pursuant to G.S. 90-29.

…."

SECTION 2. G.S. 90-171.20(7)e. reads as rewritten:

"**§ 90-171.20. Definitions.**

As used in this Article, unless the context requires otherwise:

…

(7) The "practice of nursing by a registered nurse" consists of the following 10 components:

…

e. Collaborating with other health care providers in determining the appropriate health care for a patient but, subject to the provisions of G.S. 90-18.2, not prescribing a medical treatment regimen or making a medical diagnosis, except under supervision of a licensed physician. A nurse anesthetist may provide anesthesia services only if the anesthesia services are provided under the supervision of (i) a physician licensed under Article 1 of this Chapter or (ii) a licensed dentist who is qualified to provide anesthesia services pursuant to G.S. 90-29.

…."

SECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.