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HOUSE DRH70192-TK-5 (03/27)

Short Title: CRNAs in Counties with Critical Access Hosp. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Cunningham.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ALLOW FOR NURSE ANESTHETISTS TO PROVIDE ANESTHESIA SERVICES IN COLLABORATION WITH CERTAIN HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS IN A COUNTY IN WHICH A LICENSED CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITAL IS LOCATED.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. If House Bill 181 of the 2013 Regular Session becomes law, then G.S. 90-18(c)(14a) reads as rewritten:

"(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. A nurse anesthetist may provide local anesthesia under the supervision of a licensed podiatrist pursuant to G.S. 90-202.2(a). Notwithstanding any provision of this subdivision to the contrary, a nurse anesthetist may provide anesthesia services in collaboration with a physician, dentist, or podiatrist in a county in which a licensed critical access hospital, as defined in 42 C.F.R. § 400.202, is located."

SECTION 2. If House Bill 181 of the 2013 Regular Session becomes law, then 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 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. A nurse anesthetist may provide local anesthesia under the supervision of a licensed podiatrist pursuant to G.S. 90-202.2(a). Notwithstanding any provision of this subdivision to the contrary, a nurse anesthetist may provide



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1 anesthesia services in collaboration with a physician, dentist, or
2 podiatrist in a county in which a licensed critical access hospital, as
3 defined in 42 C.F.R. § 400.202, is located."

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