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Short Title: Physician Suprvsn. Required/Nurse Anesthetist.

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Sponsors:

Referred to:

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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. A nurse anesthetist may  
provide local anesthesia under the supervision of a licensed podiatrist  
pursuant to G.S. 90-202.2(a).

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**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. A nurse anesthetist may provide local anesthesia under  
the supervision of a licensed podiatrist pursuant to G.S. 90-202.2(a).

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



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