

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to certified registered nurse  
 3           anesthetists; amending s. 464.012, F.S.; revising the  
 4           authorized scope of practice of certified registered  
 5           nurse anesthetists to allow practice within a protocol  
 6           established in collaboration with, rather than with  
 7           approval of, the physicians and medical staff of the  
 8           facility in which the anesthetic service is performed;  
 9           providing an effective date.

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11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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13           Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section  
 14           464.012, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

15           464.012 Certification of advanced registered nurse  
 16           practitioners; fees.—

17           (4) In addition to the general functions specified in  
 18           subsection (3), an advanced registered nurse practitioner may  
 19           perform the following acts within his or her specialty:

20           (a) The certified registered nurse anesthetist may, to the  
 21           extent authorized by a established protocol established in  
 22           collaboration with ~~approved by~~ the medical staff of the facility  
 23           in which the anesthetic service is performed, perform any or all  
 24           of the following:

25           1. Determine the health status of the patient as it  
 26           relates to the risk factors and to the anesthetic management of  
 27           the patient through the performance of the general functions.

28           2. Based on history, physical assessment, and supplemental

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29 laboratory results, determine, in collaboration with ~~the consent~~  
30 ~~of~~ the responsible physician, the appropriate type of anesthesia  
31 within the framework of the protocol.

32 3. Order under the protocol preanesthetic medication.

33 4. Perform under the protocol procedures commonly used to  
34 render the patient insensible to pain during the performance of  
35 surgical, obstetrical, therapeutic, or diagnostic clinical  
36 procedures. These procedures include ordering and administering  
37 regional, spinal, and general anesthesia; inhalation agents and  
38 techniques; intravenous agents and techniques; and techniques of  
39 hypnosis.

40 5. Order or perform monitoring procedures indicated as  
41 pertinent to the anesthetic health care management of the  
42 patient.

43 6. Support life functions during anesthesia health care,  
44 including induction and intubation procedures, the use of  
45 appropriate mechanical supportive devices, and the management of  
46 fluid, electrolyte, and blood component balances.

47 7. Recognize and take appropriate corrective action for  
48 abnormal patient responses to anesthesia, adjunctive medication,  
49 or other forms of therapy.

50 8. Recognize and treat a cardiac arrhythmia while the  
51 patient is under anesthetic care.

52 9. Participate in management of the patient while in the  
53 postanesthesia recovery area, including ordering the  
54 administration of fluids and drugs.

55 10. Place special peripheral and central venous and  
56 arterial lines for blood sampling and monitoring as appropriate.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013.