

By the Committee on Health Care; and Senator Atwater

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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to nursing services; amending
s. 395.0191, F.S.; requiring hospitals to meet
the requirements of a federal regulation
relating to registered nurses performing
circulating duties in operating rooms;
requiring circulating nurses to be present in
operating rooms during specified times;
providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (d) is added to subsection (2) of
section 395.0191, Florida Statutes, to read:

395.0191 Staff membership and clinical privileges.--
(2)

(d) Each hospital must meet the requirements of the
Medicare and Medicaid Conditions of Participation for
Hospitals under 42 C.F.R. s. 482.51(a)(3) as they apply to
registered nurses performing circulating duties in the
operating room and as provided in the interpretive guidelines
provided by the United States Department of Health and Human
Services. A circulating nurse must be present in the operating
room for the duration of a surgical procedure.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.

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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
Senate Bill 1362

The committee substitute requires that each hospital must meet the requirements under 42 C.F.R. s. 482.51(a)(3) and the interpretive guidelines regarding nurses performing circulating duties in the operating room. A circulating nurse must be present in the operating room for the duration of a surgical procedure.