

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to nursing services; amending s. 395.0191,
 3 F.S.; requiring certain nurses to be present in operating
 4 rooms and function as circulating nurses during all
 5 operative or invasive procedures; defining the term
 6 "circulating nurse"; providing an effective date.

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

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

12 395.0191 Staff membership and clinical privileges.--

13 (2)

14 (d) A registered nurse licensed under part I of chapter
 15 464 and qualified by training and experience in operating room
 16 nursing shall be present in the operating room and function as
 17 the circulating nurse during all operative or invasive
 18 procedures. For the purposes of this paragraph, the term
 19 "circulating nurse" means a registered nurse who is responsible
 20 for coordinating all nursing care, patient safety needs, and the
 21 needs of the surgical team in the operating room during an
 22 operative or invasive procedure.

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