

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to nursing services; amending s. 395.0191,
3 F.S.; requiring hospitals to meet the requirements of a
4 federal regulation relating to registered nurses
5 performing circulating duties in operating rooms;
6 requiring circulating nurses to be present in operating
7 rooms during specified times; providing an effective date.
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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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

13 395.0191 Staff membership and clinical privileges.--

14 (2)

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

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