

By Senator Smith

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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to certified registered nurse
3 anesthetists; amending s. 464.012, F.S.; authorizing
4 certified registered nurse anesthetists to practice
5 within a protocol established in collaboration with,
6 rather than with approval of, the physicians and
7 medical staff of the facility in which the anesthetic
8 service is performed; providing an effective date.
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10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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

14 464.012 Certification of advanced registered nurse
15 practitioners; fees.—

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

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

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

27 2. Based on history, physical assessment, and supplemental
28 laboratory results, determine, in collaboration with ~~the consent~~
29 ~~of~~ the responsible physician, the appropriate type of anesthesia

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30 within the framework of the protocol.

31 3. Order under the protocol preanesthetic medication.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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