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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
WITHDRAWN	<u> </u>	(Y/N)
OTHER	<u> </u>	

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Professions & Public
2 Health Subcommittee

3 Representative Altman offered the following:

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5 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

6 Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

7 Section 1. Paragraphs (a) and (g) of subsection (1),
8 paragraph (a) of subsection (3), and paragraphs (a) and (b) of
9 subsection (6) of section 458.3475, Florida Statutes, are
10 amended to read:

11 458.3475 Anesthesiologist assistants.—

12 (1) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the term:

13 (a) "Anesthesiologist" means an allopathic or osteopathic
14 physician who holds an active, unrestricted license; who has
15 successfully completed an anesthesiology training program
16 approved by the Accreditation Council on Graduate Medical

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17 Education or its equivalent; and who is certified by the
18 American Board of Anesthesiology, is eligible to take that
19 board's examination, or is certified by the Board of
20 Certification in Anesthesiology affiliated with the American
21 Association of Physician Specialists.

22 (g) "Direct supervision" means the physical presence of a
23 supervising anesthesiologist on the premises such that the
24 supervising anesthesiologist is immediately available as needed
25 ~~onsite, personal supervision by an anesthesiologist who is~~
26 ~~present in the office when the procedure is being performed in~~
27 ~~that office, or is present in the surgical or obstetrical suite~~
28 ~~when the procedure is being performed in that surgical or~~
29 ~~obstetrical suite and who is in all instances immediately~~
30 ~~available to provide assistance and direction to the~~
31 ~~anesthesiologist assistant while anesthesia services are being~~
32 ~~performed.~~

33 (3) PERFORMANCE OF ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANTS.—

34 (a) An anesthesiologist assistant may assist an
35 anesthesiologist in developing and implementing an anesthesia
36 care plan for a patient, may personally administer the
37 prescribed anesthetic under the direct supervision of an
38 anesthesiologist, and may perform tasks and services as
39 specified in a written protocol approved by the supervising
40 anesthesiologist which may include any of the following
41 functions. ~~In providing assistance to an anesthesiologist, an~~

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42 ~~anesthesiologist assistant may perform duties established by~~
43 ~~rule by the board in any of the following functions that are~~
44 ~~included in the anesthesiologist assistant's protocol while~~
45 ~~under the direct supervision of an anesthesiologist:~~

46 1. Obtain a comprehensive patient history and present the
47 history to the supervising anesthesiologist.

48 2. Pretest and calibrate anesthesia delivery systems and
49 monitor, obtain, and interpret information from the systems and
50 monitors.

51 3. Assist the supervising anesthesiologist with the
52 implementation of medically accepted monitoring techniques.

53 4. Establish basic and advanced airway interventions,
54 including intubation of the trachea and performing ventilatory
55 support.

56 5. Administer intermittent vasoactive drugs and start and
57 adjust vasoactive infusions.

58 6. Administer anesthetic drugs, adjuvant drugs, and
59 accessory drugs.

60 7. Assist the supervising anesthesiologist with the
61 performance of epidural anesthetic procedures and spinal
62 anesthetic procedures.

63 8. Administer blood, blood products, and supportive
64 fluids.

65 9. Support life functions during anesthesia health care,
66 including induction and intubation procedures, the use of

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67 appropriate mechanical supportive devices, and the management of
68 fluid, electrolyte, and blood component balances.

69 10. Recognize and take appropriate corrective action for
70 abnormal patient responses to anesthesia, adjunctive medication,
71 or other forms of therapy.

72 11. Participate in management of the patient while in the
73 postanesthesia recovery area, including the administration of
74 any supporting fluids or drugs.

75 12. Place special peripheral and central venous and
76 arterial lines for blood sampling and monitoring as appropriate.

77 (6) ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANT LICENSURE.—

78 (a) Any person desiring to be licensed as an
79 anesthesiologist assistant must apply to the department. The
80 department shall issue a license to any person certified by the
81 board to:

82 1. Be at least 18 years of age.

83 2. Have satisfactorily passed a proficiency examination
84 with a score established by the National Commission on
85 Certification of Anesthesiologist Assistants.

86 3. Be certified in advanced cardiac life support.

87 4. Have completed the application form and remitted an
88 application fee, not to exceed \$1,000, as set by the boards. An
89 application must include:

90 a. A certificate of completion of an approved graduate
91 level program.

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92 b. An acknowledgment ~~A sworn statement~~ of any prior felony
93 convictions.

94 c. An acknowledgment ~~A sworn statement~~ of any prior
95 discipline or denial of licensure or certification in any state.

96 d. Two letters of recommendation from anesthesiologists.

97 (b) A license must be renewed biennially. Each renewal
98 must include:

99 1. A renewal fee, not to exceed \$1,000, as set by the
100 boards.

101 2. An acknowledgment ~~A sworn statement~~ of no felony
102 convictions in the immediately preceding 2 years.

103 Section 2. Paragraphs (a) and (g) of subsection (1),
104 paragraph (a) of subsection (3), and paragraphs (a) and (b) of
105 subsection (6) of section 459.023, Florida Statutes, are amended
106 to read:

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202 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.

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Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:

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An act relating to anesthesiologist assistants; amending ss.

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458.3475 and 459.023, F.S.; revising the definitions of the

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terms "anesthesiologist" and "direct supervision"; revising

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requirements for the written protocol between an

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anesthesiologist assistant and a supervising anesthesiologist;

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revising provisions relating to duties and functions

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anesthesiologist assistants may perform; revising licensure

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requirements for anesthesiologist assistants; providing an

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effective date.