

HB 2057 -- CERTIFIED NURSE ANESTHETIST

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This bill allows a certified registered nurse anesthetist to issue orders for and administer Schedule II, III, IV, or V controlled substances while providing anesthesia services to a patient, as long as a physician, dentist, or podiatrist requested anesthesia, the anesthesia services are provided in accordance with a plan of anesthesia care, and the anesthesia services are provided with the supervision of the physician, dentist, or podiatrist.

A certified registered nurse anesthetist may issue orders for and administer the controlled substances, drugs, or anesthetic agents for the anesthesia services and induce and maintain anesthesia at the required levels throughout the pre-anesthesia evaluation period to the anesthesia administration period to the post-anesthesia recovery period.

The bill allows a certified registered nurse anesthetist to: provide pre- and post-anesthesia assessment; develop a plan of anesthesia care; order the method for administration of anesthesia; issue orders for and administer Schedule II, III, IV, and V controlled substances throughout the pre-anesthesia evaluation period to the anesthesia administration period to the post-anesthesia recovery period; order necessary tests and apply medical devices; support life functions; monitor, assess, evaluate, and take appropriate action to patient responses; manage the patient's emergence from anesthesia; and participate in the life support of the patient. The nurse anesthetist must be supervised by a physician, dentist, or podiatrist.

A certified nurse anesthetist is also authorized to perform the duties and functions as a member of a health care team; participate in periodic evaluation of anesthesia services rendered; perform services within the Nursing Practice Act; function clinically within the scope of practice consistent with licensure, education, training, knowledge, skill, and competence.

The certified registered nurse anesthetist is not required to possess prescriptive authority or a written collaborative agreement to provide anesthesia services ordered by a physician, dentist, or podiatrist.