

HOUSE REGULATORY AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL 622

52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2015

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE PUBLIC PEACE, HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE;
AMENDING A SECTION OF THE NURSING PRACTICE ACT TO UPDATE
EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR NURSE ANESTHETISTS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. Section 61-3-23.3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1991,
Chapter 190, Section 15, as amended) is amended to read:

"61-3-23.3. CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETIST--
QUALIFICATIONS--LICENSURE--PRACTICE--ENDORSEMENT--EXPEDITED
LICENSURE.--

A. The board may license for advanced practice as a
certified registered nurse anesthetist an applicant who
furnishes evidence satisfactory to the board that the
applicant:

(1) is a registered nurse;

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1 (2) has successfully completed a nurse
2 anesthesia education program accredited by the council on
3 accreditation of nurse anesthesia [~~education~~] educational
4 programs; provided that [~~if the applicant is initially licensed~~
5 ~~by the board or a board in another jurisdiction after January~~
6 ~~1, 2001~~] the program shall be at a master's level or higher;
7 and

8 (3) is certified by the council on
9 certification of nurse anesthetists.

10 B. A certified registered nurse anesthetist may
11 provide preoperative, intraoperative and postoperative
12 anesthesia care and related services, including ordering of
13 diagnostic tests, in accordance with the current American
14 association of nurse anesthetists' guidelines for nurse
15 anesthesia practice.

16 C. Certified registered nurse anesthetists shall
17 function in an interdependent role as a member of a health care
18 team in which the medical care of the patient is directed by a
19 licensed physician, osteopathic physician, dentist or
20 podiatrist licensed in New Mexico pursuant to the Dental Health
21 Care Act, the Medical Practice Act, the Podiatry Act or Chapter
22 61, Article [5A, 6, 8 or] 10 NMSA 1978. The certified
23 registered nurse anesthetist shall collaborate with the
24 licensed physician, osteopathic physician, dentist or
25 podiatrist concerning the anesthesia care of the patient. As

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1 used in this subsection, "collaboration" means the process in
2 which each health care provider contributes the health care
3 provider's respective expertise. Collaboration includes
4 systematic formal planning and evaluation between the health
5 care professionals involved in the collaborative practice
6 arrangement.

7 D. A certified registered nurse anesthetist who has
8 fulfilled the requirements for prescriptive authority in the
9 area of anesthesia practice is authorized to prescribe and
10 administer therapeutic measures, including dangerous drugs and
11 controlled substances included in Schedules II through V of the
12 Controlled Substances Act within the emergency procedures,
13 perioperative care or perinatal care environments. Dangerous
14 drugs and controlled substances, pursuant to the Controlled
15 Substances Act, that have been prepared, packaged or fabricated
16 by a registered pharmacist or doses of drugs that have been
17 prepackaged by a pharmaceutical manufacturer in accordance with
18 the Pharmacy Act and the New Mexico Drug, Device and Cosmetic
19 Act may be prescribed and administered.

20 E. A certified registered nurse anesthetist who has
21 fulfilled the requirements for prescriptive authority in the
22 area of anesthesia practice may prescribe in accordance with
23 rules, regulations and guidelines. The board shall adopt rules
24 concerning a prescriptive authority formulary for certified
25 registered nurse anesthetists that shall be based on the scope

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1 of practice of certified registered nurse anesthetists. The
2 board, in collaboration with the New Mexico medical board,
3 shall develop the formulary. Certified registered nurse
4 anesthetists who prescribe shall do so in accordance with the
5 prescriptive authority formulary.

6 F. From July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2019, upon a
7 determination by the board that an application is complete and
8 approved, the board shall issue a license to a certified
9 registered nurse anesthetist licensed in another state if the
10 applicant meets the qualifications required of certified
11 registered nurse anesthetists in this state. The board shall
12 expedite the issuance of the license within five business days.

13 G. A health care facility may adopt policies
14 relating to the providing of anesthesia care.

15 H. A certified registered nurse anesthetist
16 licensed by the board shall maintain this certification with
17 the American association of nurse anesthetists' council on
18 certification."