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AN ACT

RELATING TO NURSING; PROVIDING FOR AN INDEPENDENT ROLE FOR
CERTIFIED REGISTERED 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;

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

(3) is certified by the national board of
certification and recertification for nurse anesthetists.

1 B. A certified registered nurse anesthetist
2 may provide preoperative, intraoperative and postoperative
3 anesthesia care and related services, including ordering
4 of diagnostic tests, in accordance with the current
5 guidelines for nurse anesthesia practice issued by the
6 national professional association representing certified
7 registered nurse anesthetists.

8 C. Certified registered nurse anesthetists shall
9 function in either an independent role or in collaboration
10 with other health care providers in accordance with the
11 policies of a health care facility. As used in this
12 subsection, "collaboration" means the process in which each
13 health care provider contributes the health care provider's
14 respective expertise. As used in this subsection,
15 "independent role" means performing any action, including
16 determining, preparing, administering or monitoring
17 anesthesia care or anesthesia-related services, without the
18 supervision of another health care provider.

19 D. A certified registered nurse anesthetist who
20 has fulfilled the requirements for prescriptive authority in
21 the area of anesthesia practice is authorized to prescribe
22 and administer therapeutic measures, including dangerous
23 drugs and controlled substances included in Schedules II
24 through V of the Controlled Substances Act within the
25 emergency procedures, perioperative care or perinatal care

1 environments. Dangerous drugs and controlled substances,
2 pursuant to the Controlled Substances Act, that have been
3 prepared, packaged or fabricated by a registered pharmacist
4 or doses of drugs that have been prepackaged by a
5 pharmaceutical manufacturer in accordance with the Pharmacy
6 Act and the New Mexico Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act may be
7 prescribed and administered.

8 E. A certified registered nurse anesthetist who
9 has fulfilled the requirements for prescriptive authority in
10 the area of anesthesia practice may prescribe in accordance
11 with rules of the board. The board shall adopt rules
12 concerning a prescriptive authority formulary for certified
13 registered nurse anesthetists that shall be based on the
14 scope of practice of certified registered nurse anesthetists.
15 The board, in collaboration with the New Mexico medical
16 board, shall develop the formulary. Certified registered
17 nurse anesthetists who prescribe shall do so in accordance
18 with the prescriptive authority formulary.

19 F. The board shall issue an expedited license to
20 an applicant without an examination if the person has been
21 duly licensed as a certified registered nurse anesthetist in
22 another licensing jurisdiction and is in good standing with
23 the licensing board in that licensing jurisdiction. The
24 board shall expedite the issuance of the license in
25 accordance with Section 61-1-31.1 NMSA 1978 within thirty

1 days. If the board issues an expedited license to a
2 person whose prior licensing jurisdiction did not require
3 examination, the board may require that person to pass an
4 examination before applying for license renewal. An
5 applicant licensed under the laws of a territory or
6 foreign country shall demonstrate proficiency in English.

7 G. A health care facility may adopt policies
8 relating to the providing of anesthesia care.

9 H. A certified registered nurse anesthetist
10 licensed by the board shall maintain this certification with
11 the national board of certification and recertification for
12 nurse anesthetists."

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