HOUSE BILL 536

49TH LEGISLATURE - **STATE OF NEW MEXICO** - **FIRST SESSION, 2009**

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AN ACT

RELATING TO PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL LICENSURE; AMENDING
THE DEFINITION OF "ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANT" IN THE
ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANTS ACT; RECONCILING MULTIPLE
AMENDMENTS TO THE SAME SECTION OF LAW IN LAWS 2003.

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

    Section 1. Section 61-6-10.2 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2001,
Chapter 311, Section 2, as amended by Laws 2003, Chapter 19,
Section 11 and by Laws 2003, Chapter 302, Section 1) is amended
to read:

    "61-6-10.2. DEFINITIONS.--As used in the Anesthesiologist
Assistants Act:

        A. "anesthesiologist" means a physician licensed to
practice medicine in New Mexico who has successfully completed
an accredited anesthesiology graduate medical education

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program, who is board certified by the American board of

anesthesiology or board eligible and who has completed a

residency in anesthesiology within the last three years or who

has foreign certification determined by the board to be the

substantial equivalent [and who is an employee of the

department of anesthesiology of a medical school in New

Mexico];

B.   "anesthesiologist assistant" means a skilled

person [employed or to be employed by a university in New

Mexico with a medical school] certified by the board as being

qualified by academic and practical training to [assist an

anesthesiologist in developing and implementing] develop and

implement anesthesia care plans for patients under the

supervision and direction of the anesthesiologist who is

responsible for the performance of that anesthesiologist

assistant;

C.   "applicant" means a person who is applying to

the board for a license as an anesthesiologist assistant;

D.   "board" means the New Mexico medical board; and

E.   "license" means an authorization to practice as

an anesthesiologist assistant."

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