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**51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2013**

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AN ACT

RELATING TO LICENSURE; AMENDING THE DEFINITIONS OF  
"ANESTHESIOLOGIST" AND "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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1 program, who is board certified by the American board of  
2 anesthesiology or board eligible and who has completed a  
3 residency in anesthesiology within the last three years or who  
4 has foreign certification determined by the board to be the  
5 substantial equivalent [~~and who is an employee of the~~  
6 ~~department of anesthesiology of a medical school in New~~  
7 ~~Mexico~~];

8 B. "anesthesiologist assistant" means a skilled  
9 person [~~employed or to be employed by a university in New~~  
10 ~~Mexico with a medical school~~] certified by the board as being  
11 qualified by academic and practical training to assist an  
12 anesthesiologist in developing and implementing anesthesia care  
13 plans for patients under the supervision and direction of the  
14 anesthesiologist who is responsible for the performance of that  
15 anesthesiologist assistant;

16 C. "applicant" means a person who is applying to  
17 the board for a license as an anesthesiologist assistant;

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

19 E. "license" means an authorization to practice as  
20 an anesthesiologist assistant."