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2 **52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2015**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO LICENSURE; AMENDING THE DEFINITIONS OF

12 "ANESTHESIOLOGIST" AND "ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANT" IN THE

13 ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANTS ACT.

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

16   **SECTION 1.** Section 61-6-10.2 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2001,

17 Chapter 311, Section 2, as amended by Laws 2003, Chapter 19,

18 Section 11 and by Laws 2003, Chapter 302, Section 1) is amended

19 to read:

20   "61-6-10.2. DEFINITIONS.--As used in the Anesthesiologist

21 Assistants Act:

22   A. "anesthesiologist" means a physician licensed to

23 practice medicine in New Mexico who has successfully completed

24 an accredited anesthesiology graduate medical education

25 program, who is board certified by the American board of

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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 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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