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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - NURSE ANESTHETISTS

Introduced By: Senator Joshua Miller

Date Introduced: February 13, 2019

Referred To: Senate Health & Human Services

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 5-34.2-3 of the General Laws in Chapter 5-34.2 entitled "Nurse
2 Anesthetists" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **5-34.2-3. Requirements for licensure of the nurse anesthetist.**

4 Requirements for licensure as a nurse anesthetist shall consist of the following:

5 (1) Current licensure as a professional registered nurse in the state; and

6 (2) Graduation from an educational program accredited by the council on accreditation of
7 nurse anesthesia educational programs or its predecessors or successors, and which has as its
8 objective preparation of nurses to practice nurse anesthesia; and

9 (3) Initial certification by the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists council on
10 certification of nurse anesthetists and recertification, as applicable by the American Association
11 of Nurse Anesthetists council on recertification of nurse anesthetists or their predecessors or
12 successors.

13 (4) [Deleted by P.L. 2013, ch. 83, § 4 and P.L. 2013, ch. 93, § 4].

14 (5) The requirements stated in subdivisions (2) and (3) of this section do not apply to a
15 professional registered nurse who practices nursing in accordance with the provisions of the
16 Nurse Practice Act, chapter 34 of this title, and who is enrolled as a bona fide student in an
17 accredited nurse anesthesia program providing nurse anesthesia under the supervision of a
18 certified registered nurse anesthetist ~~and~~ or anesthesiologist.

19 (6) Beginning July 21, 1992, all nurse anesthetists shall be afforded the same period of

1 time to become licensed. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, no person practicing as a
2 nurse anesthetist in Rhode Island on July 1, 1991, shall be required to obtain proper certification
3 under this chapter. However, as required by subdivision (3) of this section, persons who become
4 certified under this section shall become recertified as applicable.

5 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would permit a registered nurse who is enrolled in an accredited nurse anesthesia
2 program to practice as a nurse anesthetist under the supervision of a certified registered nurse
3 anesthetist or an anesthesiologist.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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