

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2021 REGULAR SESSION**

**Introduced**

### **House Bill 2674**

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[Introduced February 23, 2021; Referred to the  
Committee on Health and Human Resources]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §30-7-15 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating  
2 to the administration of anesthetics.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

**ARTICLE 7. REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSES.**

**§30-7-15. Administration of anesthetics.**

1 (a) In any case where it is lawful for a duly licensed physician or dentist practicing medicine  
2 or dentistry under the laws of this state to administer anesthetics, such anesthetics may lawfully  
3 be given and administered by any person ~~(a) who~~ (1) Who has been licensed to practice  
4 registered professional nursing under this article, and ~~(b) (2)~~ (2) who holds a diploma or certificate  
5 evidencing his or her successful completion of the educational program of a school of anesthesia  
6 duly accredited by the ~~American association of nurse anesthetists:~~ Provided, That such  
7 ~~anesthesia is administered by such person in the presence and under the supervision of such~~  
8 ~~physician or dentist~~ Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs.

9 (b) The administration of anesthesia may be provided by a certified registered nurse  
10 anesthetist in cooperation with an anesthesiologist. If no anesthesiologist is readily available for  
11 medical cooperation on anesthesia services, the administration of anesthesia may be provided  
12 by a certified registered nurse anesthetist, in cooperation with a physician or dentist. Any act  
13 involving the determination, preparation, administration, or monitoring of anesthesia care and  
14 anesthesia care-related services may be lawfully provided by a certified registered nurse  
15 anesthetist who:

16 (1) Has been licensed to practice registered professional nursing under this article;

17 (2) Is licensed as an advanced practice registered nurse under this article;

18 (3) Has successfully completed the educational program of a school for nurse anesthetists  
19 accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs; and

20 (4) Is board certified as a certified registered nurse anesthetist by the National Board of  
21 Certification and Recertification for Nurse Anesthetists.

22           (c) For purposes of this section, “cooperation” means a process in which the certified  
23 registered nurse anesthetist and the physician or dentist work together with each contributing an  
24 area of expertise, at their individual and respective levels of education and training.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to update the required credentials for a certified nurse anesthetist who cooperates with a physician or dentist.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.