

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 4 of Chapter 29 of Title 54.1 a section numbered*
3 *54.1-2957.23, relating to Board of Medicine; licensure of anesthesiologist assistants.*

[S 882]

Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

7 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 4 of Chapter 29 of Title 54.1 a section**
8 **numbered 54.1-2957.23 as follows:**

9 **§ 54.1-2957.23. Licensure of anesthesiologist assistants.**

10 A. As used in this section, "anesthesiologist" means a physician who is licensed by the Board and who has
11 completed a residency in anesthesiology approved by the American Board of Anesthesiology or the American
12 Osteopathic Board of Anesthesiology.

13 B. No person shall use or assume the title "anesthesiologist assistant" or hold himself out as an
14 anesthesiologist assistant unless such person holds a license as an anesthesiologist assistant issued by the
15 Board. Nothing in this section shall be construed as prohibiting any professional licensed, certified, or
16 registered by a health regulatory board from acting within the scope of his profession.

17 C. The Board shall establish criteria for licensure as an anesthesiologist assistant that shall include the
18 following:

19 1. Successful completion of an anesthesiologist assistant program accredited by the Commission on
20 Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs or its predecessor or successor organizations; and

21 2. Passage of the certifying examination administered by the National Commission for Certification of
22 Anesthesiologist Assistants or other examination required by the Board.

23 D. Pending the outcome of the next examination described in subdivision C 2, the Board may grant a
24 provisional license to a graduate of an anesthesiologist assistant program accredited by the Commission on
25 Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs or its predecessor or successor organizations.

26 E. Nothing in this section shall prohibit a student anesthesiologist assistant who is enrolled in an
27 anesthesiologist assistant program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health
28 Education Programs or its predecessor or successor organizations from engaging in acts that would
29 constitute practice as an anesthesiologist assistant as part of such program.

30 F. An anesthesiologist assistant licensed pursuant to this section shall practice within the scope of his
31 clinical and professional training and the limits of his knowledge and experience and under the supervision
32 of an anesthesiologist.

33 G. The Board shall adopt regulations governing the practice of anesthesiologist assistants, including
34 regulations for (i) application for and issuance of a license or renewal of a license, (ii) standards of practice
35 for licensed anesthesiologist assistants, and (iii) requirements for supervision of anesthesiologist assistants
36 by anesthesiologists.

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