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Senate Joint Resolution 3 (Senator Klausmeier, *et al.*)
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Establishing Nurse Anesthetists Week

This joint resolution establishes the period of January 20, 2008 through January 26, 2008 as Nurse Anesthetists Week.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Compliance with the joint resolution would not directly affect governmental operations or finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law/Background: A nurse anesthetist is a registered nurse who is certified to practice anesthesia and is certified by the Council on Certification or the Council on Recertification of Nurse Anesthetists. According to the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists administer 27 million anesthetics in the United States each year. CRNAs provide anesthesia in collaboration with surgeons, anesthesiologists, dentists, podiatrists, and other health care professionals. CRNAs practice in every setting where anesthesia is delivered: • traditional hospital surgical suites and obstetrical delivery rooms; • critical access hospitals; • ambulatory surgery centers; • dentist, podiatrist, ophthalmologist, plastic surgeon, and pain management specialist offices; and • U.S. military, Public Health Services, and Department of Veterans Affairs health care facilities.

Additional Information

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