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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Standards of Practice for Nurse Anesthetists - Collaboration**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a nurse anesthetist, in order to practice nurse
4 anesthesia, to collaborate with certain other health care providers in a certain
5 manner; and defining certain terms.

6 BY adding to
7 Article - Health Occupations
8 Section 8-509
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2000 Replacement Volume)

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
12 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

13 **Article - Health Occupations**

14 8-509.

15 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
16 INDICATED.

17 (2) "COLLABORATE" MEANS TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT AN
18 AGREEMENT FOR SUPERVISION AND DIRECTION OF A NURSE ANESTHETIST BY
19 ANOTHER HEALTH CARE PROVIDER.

20 (3) "ON SITE" MEANS PHYSICALLY PRESENT IN THE FACILITY IN WHICH
21 THE NURSE ANESTHETIST ADMINISTERS ANESTHESIA.

22 (4) (I) "PRACTICE OF NURSE ANESTHESIA" MEANS THE
23 PERFORMANCE OF ACTS IN COLLABORATION WITH AN ANESTHESIOLOGIST,
24 LICENSED PHYSICIAN, OR DENTIST, WHICH REQUIRE SUBSTANTIAL SPECIALIZED
25 KNOWLEDGE, JUDGMENT, AND SKILLS RELATED TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF
26 ANESTHESIA.

1 (II) THE SKILLS REQUIRED TO PRACTICE NURSE ANESTHESIA
2 SHALL INCLUDE:

- 3 1. PERIOPERATIVE ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF
4 PATIENTS REQUIRING ANESTHESIA SERVICES;
- 5 2. THE ADMINISTRATION OF ANESTHESIA;
- 6 3. THE MANAGEMENT OF FLUID IN INTRAVENOUS THERAPY;
7 AND
- 8 4. RESPIRATORY CARE.

9 (B) IN ORDER TO PRACTICE NURSE ANESTHESIA, A CERTIFIED NURSE
10 ANESTHETIST SHALL COLLABORATE WITH AN ANESTHESIOLOGIST, LICENSED
11 PHYSICIAN, OR DENTIST IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER:

12 (1) AN ANESTHESIOLOGIST, LICENSED PHYSICIAN, OR DENTIST SHALL
13 BE ON SITE AND PHYSICALLY AVAILABLE TO THE NURSE ANESTHETIST FOR
14 CONSULTATION AT ALL TIMES DURING THE ADMINISTRATION OF, AND RECOVERY
15 FROM, ANESTHESIA;

16 (2) AN ANESTHESIOLOGIST SHALL BE AVAILABLE FOR THE NURSE
17 ANESTHETIST TO CONSULT CONCERNING OTHER ASPECTS OF THE PRACTICE OF
18 NURSE ANESTHESIA; AND

19 (3) IF AN ANESTHESIOLOGIST IS NOT AVAILABLE, A LICENSED
20 PHYSICIAN OR DENTIST SHALL BE AVAILABLE FOR THE NURSE ANESTHETIST TO
21 CONSULT.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
23 October 1, 2001.