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A bill

TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40‑33‑20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN THE NURSE PRACTICE ACT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETIST MAY ONLY USE THE ABBREVIATION “CRNA” OR A VARIATION OR SUBDESIGNATION OF CRNA TO INDICATE THAT THE PERSON IS PRACTICING AS CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETIST.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Section 40‑33‑20(19) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

 (19)(a) “Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist” or “CRNA” means an advanced practice registered nurse who:

 (a)(i) has successfully completed an advanced, organized formal CRNA education program at a minimum of the master's level accredited by the national accrediting organization of this specialty area and that is recognized by the board;

 (b)(ii) is certified by a board‑approved national certifying organization; and

 (c)(iii) demonstrates advanced knowledge and skill in the delivery of anesthesia services.

 (b) A CRNA must practice in accordance with approved written guidelines developed under supervision of a licensed physician or dentist or approved by the medical staff within the facility where practice privileges have been granted.

 (c) A certified registered nurse anesthetist may only use the abbreviation “CRNA” or a variation or subdesignation of CRNA to indicate that the person is practicing as certified registered nurse anesthetist. A certified registered nurse anesthetist is prohibited from using any medical or medical specialty designation, including, but not limited to, those designations identified in Section 40‑27‑20(36)(g) either alone or in combination with any nursing abbreviation.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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