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Introduced by M. of A. CROUCH, TOWNSEND -- read once and referred to the
Committee on Insurance

AN ACT to amend the insurance law, in relation to mandatory health
insurance coverage for certified registered nurse anesthetists provid-
ing anesthesia services

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEM-
BLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- 1 Section 1. Subsection (i) of section 3216 of the insurance law is
2 amended by adding a new paragraph 26 to read as follows:
3 (26) EVERY POLICY WHICH PROVIDES FOR COVERAGE FOR ANESTHESIA SERVICES
4 SHALL INCLUDE COVERAGE FOR ANESTHESIA SERVICES PROVIDED BY AN INDEPEND-
5 ENTLY EMPLOYED CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETIST. THE TERM "CERTI-
6 FIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETIST" AS USED IN THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL MEAN
7 A PERSON WHO HAS SATISFACTORILY COMPLETED EDUCATIONAL PREPARATION FOR
8 THE PRACTICE OF NURSE ANESTHESIA IN A PROGRAM ACCREDITED BY A NATIONAL
9 ACCREDITING BODY RECOGNIZED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH OR DETERMINED BY
10 THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO BE THE EQUIVALENT AND WHO IS CURRENTLY
11 CERTIFIED BY A NATIONAL CERTIFYING BODY RECOGNIZED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF
12 HEALTH.
- 13 S 2. Subsection (l) of section 3221 of the insurance law is amended by
14 adding a new paragraph 18 to read as follows:
15 (18) EVERY POLICY WHICH PROVIDES FOR COVERAGE FOR ANESTHESIA SERVICES
16 SHALL INCLUDE COVERAGE FOR ANESTHESIA SERVICES PROVIDED BY AN INDEPEND-
17 ENTLY EMPLOYED CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETIST. THE TERM "CERTI-
18 FIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETIST" AS USED IN THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL MEAN
19 A PERSON WHO HAS SATISFACTORILY COMPLETED EDUCATIONAL PREPARATION FOR
20 THE PRACTICE OF NURSE ANESTHESIA IN A PROGRAM ACCREDITED BY A NATIONAL
21 ACCREDITING BODY RECOGNIZED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH OR DETERMINED BY
22 THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO BE THE EQUIVALENT AND WHO IS CURRENTLY
23 CERTIFIED BY A NATIONAL CERTIFYING BODY RECOGNIZED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF
24 HEALTH.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[] is old law to be omitted.

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1 S 3. Section 4303 of the insurance law is amended by adding a new
2 subsection (ff) to read as follows:

3 (FF) EVERY POLICY WHICH PROVIDES FOR COVERAGE FOR ANESTHESIA SERVICES
4 SHALL INCLUDE COVERAGE FOR ANESTHESIA SERVICES PROVIDED BY AN INDEPEND-
5 ENTLY EMPLOYED CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETIST. THE TERM "CERTI-
6 FIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETIST" AS USED IN THIS SUBSECTION SHALL MEAN
7 A PERSON WHO HAS SATISFACTORILY COMPLETED EDUCATIONAL PREPARATION FOR
8 THE PRACTICE OF NURSE ANESTHESIA IN A PROGRAM ACCREDITED BY A NATIONAL
9 ACCREDITING BODY RECOGNIZED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH OR DETERMINED BY
10 THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO BE THE EQUIVALENT AND WHO IS CURRENTLY
11 CERTIFIED BY A NATIONAL CERTIFYING BODY RECOGNIZED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF
12 HEALTH.

13 S 4. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall
14 have become a law and shall apply to policies and contracts issued,
15 renewed, modified, altered or amended on or after such effective date.