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Introduced by M. of A. CROUCH -- 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 providing anesthesia services

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

1 Section 1. Paragraph 27 of subsection (i) of section 3216 of the
2 insurance law, as added by chapter 536 of the laws of 2010, is renum-
3 bered paragraph 28 and a new paragraph 29 is added to read as follows:
4 (29) EVERY POLICY WHICH PROVIDES FOR COVERAGE FOR ANESTHESIA SERVICES
5 SHALL INCLUDE COVERAGE FOR ANESTHESIA SERVICES PROVIDED BY AN INDEPEND-
6 ENTLY EMPLOYED CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETIST. THE TERM "CERTI-
7 FIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETIST" AS USED IN THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL MEAN
8 A PERSON WHO HAS SATISFACTORILY COMPLETED EDUCATIONAL PREPARATION FOR
9 THE PRACTICE OF NURSE ANESTHESIA IN A PROGRAM ACCREDITED BY A NATIONAL
10 ACCREDITING BODY RECOGNIZED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH OR DETERMINED BY
11 THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO BE THE EQUIVALENT AND WHO IS CURRENTLY
12 CERTIFIED BY A NATIONAL CERTIFYING BODY RECOGNIZED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF
13 HEALTH.
14 S 2. Subsection (l) of section 3221 of the insurance law is amended by
15 adding a new paragraph 18 to read as follows:
16 (18) EVERY POLICY WHICH PROVIDES FOR COVERAGE FOR ANESTHESIA SERVICES
17 SHALL INCLUDE COVERAGE FOR ANESTHESIA SERVICES PROVIDED BY AN INDEPEND-
18 ENTLY EMPLOYED CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETIST. THE TERM "CERTI-
19 FIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETIST" AS USED IN THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL MEAN
20 A PERSON WHO HAS SATISFACTORILY COMPLETED EDUCATIONAL PREPARATION FOR
21 THE PRACTICE OF NURSE ANESTHESIA IN A PROGRAM ACCREDITED BY A NATIONAL
22 ACCREDITING BODY RECOGNIZED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH OR DETERMINED BY
23 THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO BE THE EQUIVALENT AND WHO IS CURRENTLY

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

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1 CERTIFIED BY A NATIONAL CERTIFYING BODY RECOGNIZED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF
2 HEALTH.

3 S 3. Subsection (gg) of section 4303 of the insurance law, as added by
4 chapter 536 of the laws of 2010, is relettered subsection (hh) and a new
5 subsection (ii) is added to read as follows:

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

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