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IN SENATE

January 9, 2017

Introduced by Sens. GALLIVAN, FUNKE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Higher Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to certification of certified registered nurse anesthetists

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The education law is amended by adding a new section 6912 to read as follows:

§ 6912. Certification of certified registered nurse anesthetists. 1. For issuance of a certificate as a certified registered nurse anesthetist, the applicant shall fulfill the following requirements:

(a) Application: file an application with the department;

(b) License: be licensed as a registered professional nurse in the state;

(c) Education: (i) have satisfactorily completed an educational program that is designed and conducted to prepare graduates to practice in the specialty area of nurse anesthesia and is registered by the department or determined by the department to be the equivalent; and (ii) submit evidence of current certification or recertification by a national certifying body, recognized by the department;

(d) Fees: pay a fee to the department of fifty dollars for an initial certificate authorizing nurse anesthesia practice and a triennial registration fee of thirty dollars. After a certified registered nurse anesthetist's initial registration, registration under this section shall be coterminous with the certified registered nurse anesthetist's registration as a registered professional nurse.

2. Only a person certified under this section shall use the title "certified registered nurse anesthetist".

3. The commissioner is authorized to promulgate regulations to implement the certification process set forth in this section.

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

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4. Nothing in this section shall be construed to define a scope of practice or permit independent practice for certified registered nurse anesthetists or to alter the scope of practice of any practitioner or professional certified or licensed under title eight of this chapter or under the public health law.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law, except that subdivision 2 of section 6912 of the education law, as added by section one of this act shall take effect three years after this act shall have become a law.