

## SENATE BILL No. 67

By Committee on Public Health and Welfare

1-23

AN ACT concerning health professions and practices; relating to the regulation of nursing; authorizing independent practice authority and the prescribing of drugs by registered nurse anesthetists; prohibiting the performance of an abortion or prescribing of drugs for an abortion thereby; amending K.S.A. 65-1158 and repealing the existing section.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

Section 1. K.S.A. 65-1158 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-1158. (a) ~~Upon the order of a physician or dentist requesting anesthesia or analgesia care, each~~ A registered nurse anesthetist shall be authorized to:

(1) ~~Conduct a pre- and post-anesthesia and pre- and post-analgesia visit and assessment with appropriate documentation;~~

(2) ~~develop a general plan of anesthesia care with the physician or dentist;~~

(3) ~~select the method for administration of anesthesia or analgesia;~~

(4) ~~select or administer appropriate medications and anesthetic agents during the peri-anesthetic or peri-analgesic period;~~

(5) ~~order necessary medications and tests in the peri-anesthetic or peri-analgesic period;~~

(6) ~~induce and maintain anesthesia or analgesia at the required levels;~~

(7) ~~support life functions during the peri-anesthetic or peri-analgesic period;~~

(8) ~~recognize and take appropriate action with respect to patient responses during the peri-anesthetic or peri-analgesic period;~~

(9) ~~manage the patient's emergence from anesthesia or analgesia; and~~

(10) ~~participate in the life support of the patient~~ *may practice as an independent advanced practice registered nurse to the full extent of the licensee's education and qualifications, except that such registered nurse anesthetist shall not perform surgery for the purposes of implantation of medication reservoirs for drug delivery devices.*

(b) ~~Each~~ A registered nurse anesthetist may ~~participate in periodic and joint evaluation of services rendered, including, but not limited to, chart reviews, case reviews, patient evaluation and outcome of case statistics~~ *prescribe, procure, select, order and administer any drug consistent with such licensee's education and qualifications.*

(c) A registered nurse anesthetist ~~shall perform duties and functions~~

1 ~~in an interdependent role as a member of a physician or dentist directed~~  
2 ~~health care team~~ *engaging in independent practice shall not shall not*  
3 *perform or induce an abortion or prescribe, procure or administer drugs*  
4 *for an abortion.*

5 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 65-1158 is hereby repealed.

6 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
7 publication in the statute book.