

Substitute for SENATE BILL No. 67

By Committee on Public Health and Welfare

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AN ACT concerning health professions and practice; relating to the regulation of nursing; authorizing registered nurse anesthetists to prescribe, procure and administer drugs consistent with the nurse's education and qualifications; 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 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.

(b) (1) *A registered nurse anesthetist may prescribe durable medical equipment and prescribe, procure and administer any drug consistent with the registered nurse anesthetist's education and qualifications. Except as permitted by subsection (a), a registered nurse anesthetist shall not prescribe, procure or administer any anesthetic agent. Any drug that is a controlled substance shall be prescribed, procured or administered in accordance with the uniform controlled substance act.*

(2) *A registered nurse anesthetist shall not perform or induce an abortion or prescribe, procure or administer drugs for an abortion.*

(3) *A prescription order shall include the name, address and*

1 *telephone number of the registered nurse anesthetist. A registered nurse*
2 *anesthetist shall not dispense drugs but may request, receive and sign for*
3 *professional samples and may distribute professional samples to patients.*

4 *(4) In order to prescribe controlled substances, a registered nurse*
5 *anesthetist shall:*

6 *(A) Register with the federal drug enforcement administration; and*

7 *(B) comply with federal drug enforcement administration*
8 *requirements related to controlled substances.*

9 *(c) Each registered nurse anesthetist may participate in periodic and*
10 *joint evaluation of services rendered, including, but not limited to, chart*
11 *reviews, case reviews, patient evaluation and outcome of case statistics.*

12 ~~*(e)*~~*(d) A registered nurse anesthetist shall perform duties and*
13 *functions in an interdependent role as a member of a physician or dentist*
14 *directed health-care healthcare team.*

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 K.S.A. 65-1158 is hereby repealed.

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