

Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist Independent Prescription Authority; Sub. for SB 67

Sub. for SB 67 amends law regarding certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNAs) to expand certain independent prescription authority to align the scope of practice more closely to that of an advanced practice registered nurse.

CRNA Prescription Authority

The bill amends law pertaining to a CRNA's prescription authority to:

- Grant independent prescription authority to prescribe durable medical equipment and prescribe, procure, and administer any drug consistent with a CRNA's education and qualifications;
- Clarify that the prescription, procurement, or administration of an anesthetic agent is prohibited unless upon the order of a physician or dentist requesting anesthesia or analgesia care;
- Require controlled substances to be prescribed, procured, or administered in accordance with the Uniform Controlled Substance Act; and
- Prohibit the performance or induction of an abortion or the prescription, procurement, or administration of drugs for an abortion.

The bill requires that a prescription order include the name, address, and telephone number of the CRNA.

The bill prohibits a CRNA from dispensing drugs but allows a CRNA to request, receive, and sign for professional samples and to distribute such samples to patients.

Requirements for Prescription of Controlled Substances

In order to prescribe a controlled substance, the bill requires a CRNA to register with the federal Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and comply with DEA requirements related to controlled substances.