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**H 1266. SURGICAL NURSES/3RD PARTY PMT. TO PROVIDE FOR DIRECT PAYMENT OF REGISTERED NURSE FIRST ASSISTANTS UNDER HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES AND PLANS.** Rewrites GS 58-50-30 and 58-65-1, as title indicates. In both sections defines "registered nurse first assistant" as a licensed registered nurse in this state who (1) is certified in perioperative nursing and has successfully completed an appropriate registered nurse first assistant education program or (2) was holding the title of and practicing as a registered nurse first assistant as of Jan. 1, 1993. Neither section applies to a registered nurse first assistant who is employed by the requesting physician or renders services in the capacity as an employee of the hospital where services are rendered. Effective Oct. 1, 2001, and applies to claims for payment or reimbursement for services rendered on or after that date.

**Intro. by Wright, Hiatt, Brubaker.**

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