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S 394. AUTHORIZE LICENSURE/ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASS'TS. TO ESTABLISH THE "NORTH CAROLINA ANESTHESIA PATIENT SAFETY AND ACCESS ACT" TO CONFIRM AND REITERATE THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENT OF PHYSICIAN SUPERVISION OF NURSE ANESTHETISTS AND TO AUTHORIZE THE LICENSURE AND REGULATION OF ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANTS. Amends GS 90-18(c) to provide that the following does not constitute practicing medicine or surgery: (1) provision of anesthesia services by registered nurse or nurse anesthetist under supervision of licensed physician; and (2) provision of anesthesia services by licensed anesthesiologist assistants under supervision of licensed anesthesiologist. Enacts new GS 90-11(a1) to require that anesthesiologist assistants be of good moral character and meet other licensure requirements. Adds new GS 90-18.5 to specify limitations on the use of anesthesiologist assistants. Makes technical changes.

Intro. by Hoyle.

Ref. to Health Care

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