**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 40‑33‑20, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE NURSE PRACTICE ACT, SO AS TO CLARIFY THE ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED FOR CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETISTS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 40‑33‑34, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO QUALIFICATIONS THAT CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETISTS MUST DEMONSTRATE TO THE BOARD OF NURSING, SO AS TO CLARIFY THE ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED FOR CERTAIN LICENSEES.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Section 40‑33‑20(19)(a) of the 1976 Code, as last amended by Act 234 of 2018, is further amended to read:

“(a) has successfully completed an advanced, organized formal CRNA education program at a minimum of the master’s level accredited by the national accrediting organization of this specialty area and that is recognized by the board;”

SECTION 2. Section 40‑33‑34(A)(3)(b) of the 1976 Code, as last amended by Act 234 of 2018, is further amended to read:

“(b) graduated before December 31, 2003, from an advanced, organized formal education program for nurse anesthetists accredited by the national accrediting organization of that specialty. CRNAs who graduate after December 31, 2003, must graduate with a minimum of a master’s degree from a formal CRNA education program for nurse anesthetists accredited by the national accreditation organization of the CRNA specialty. An advanced practice registered nurse must achieve and maintain national certification, as recognized by the board, in an advanced practice registered nursing specialty;”

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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