**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 40‑47‑1240, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE LICENSURE OF ANESTHESIOLOGISTS’ ASSISTANTS, SO AS TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT LICENSURE APPLICANTS MUST APPEAR BEFORE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS AND PRESENT EVIDENCE OF CERTAIN RELEVANT ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS AND KNOWLEDGE; AND TO AMEND SECTION 40‑47‑1250, RELATING TO THE SUPERVISION OF ANESTHESIOLOGISTS’ ASSISTANTS, SO AS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF ANESTHESIOLOGISTS’ ASSISTANTS THAT AN ANESTHESIOLOGIST MAY SUPERVISE.

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

SECTION 1. Section 40‑47‑1240(8) of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“(8) ~~appeared before a board member or board designee with his or her sponsoring anesthesiologist, presenting all original diplomas and certificates and demonstrated knowledge of the contents of this article~~ reserved; and”

SECTION 2. Section 40‑47‑1250 of the 1976 Code is amended to read:

“Section 40‑47‑1250. An anesthesiologist’s assistant shall practice only under the supervision of a physician who is actively and directly engaged in the clinical practice of medicine and meets the definition of being a supervising anesthesiologist. An anesthesiologist may not supervise more than ~~two~~ four anesthesiologist’s assistants at any one time.”

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

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