

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to certified registered nurse anesthetists.
(BDR 54-516)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.

Effect on the State: No.

AN ACT relating to health care; authorizing a certified registered nurse anesthetist to order, prescribe, possess and administer controlled substances, poisons, dangerous drugs and devices outside a critical access hospital under certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law authorizes a certified registered nurse anesthetist working under the supervision of a physician licensed to practice medicine or osteopathic medicine in this State to order, prescribe, possess and administer controlled substances, poisons, dangerous drugs and devices to treat a patient under the care of the licensed physician before, during and after surgery or childbirth only in a critical access hospital. (NRS 632.2397) This bill authorizes a certified registered nurse anesthetist to order, prescribe, possess and administer controlled substances, poisons, dangerous drugs and devices under those circumstances outside a critical access hospital.



THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. NRS 632.2397 is hereby amended to read as follows:

632.2397 1. A certified registered nurse anesthetist may:

(a) Under the supervision of a physician licensed pursuant to chapter 630 or 633 of NRS, order, prescribe, possess and administer controlled substances, poisons, dangerous drugs and devices to treat a patient under the care of a licensed physician ~~[in a critical access hospital]~~ in preparation for surgery or childbirth, during surgery or childbirth and while a patient recovers from surgery or childbirth.

(b) Possess and administer controlled substances, poisons, dangerous drugs and devices in other circumstances under which a registered nurse is authorized to possess and administer controlled substances, poisons, dangerous drugs and devices.

2. A certified registered nurse anesthetist shall not order or prescribe a controlled substance, poison, dangerous drug or device except as authorized by paragraph (a) of subsection 1.

~~[3.—As used in this section, “critical access hospital” means a hospital which has been certified as a critical access hospital by the Secretary of Health and Human Services pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1395i-4(e).]~~

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2025.

