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55 history to the supervising anesthesiologist.

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57 monitor, obtain, and interpret information from the systems and
58 monitors.

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60 implementation of medically accepted monitoring techniques.

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62 including intubation of the trachea and performing ventilatory
63 support.

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65 adjust vasoactive infusions.

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67 accessory drugs.

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69 performance of epidural anesthetic procedures and spinal
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72 fluids.

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75 appropriate mechanical supportive devices, and the management of

76 fluid, electrolyte, and blood component balances.

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78 abnormal patient responses to anesthesia, adjunctive medication,
79 or other forms of therapy.

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81 postanesthesia recovery area, including the administration of
82 any supporting fluids or drugs.

83 12. Place special peripheral and central venous and
84 arterial lines for blood sampling and monitoring as appropriate.

85 (6) ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANT LICENSURE.—

86 (a) Any person desiring to be licensed as an
87 anesthesiologist assistant must apply to the department. The
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90 1. Be at least 18 years of age.

91 2. Have satisfactorily passed a proficiency examination
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93 Certification of Anesthesiologist Assistants.

94 3. Be certified in advanced cardiac life support.

95 4. Have completed the application form and remitted an
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97 application must include:

98 a. A certificate of completion of an approved graduate
99 level program.

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101 convictions.

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111 Section 2. Paragraphs (a) and (g) of subsection (1),

112 paragraph (a) of subsection (3), and paragraphs (a) and (b) of

113 subsection (6) of section 459.023, Florida Statutes, are amended

114 to read:

115 459.023 Anesthesiologist assistants.—

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118 physician who holds an active, unrestricted license; who has

119 successfully completed an anesthesiology training program

120 approved by the Accreditation Council on Graduate Medical

121 Education, or its equivalent, or the American Osteopathic

122 Association; and who is certified by the American Osteopathic

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 210 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.