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## AN ACT

FOR THE LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

RELATING TO LICENSURE; AMENDING THE DEFINITIONS OF "ANESTHESIOLOGIST" AND "ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANT" IN THE ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANTS ACT; RECONCILING MULTIPLE AMENDMENTS TO THE SAME SECTION OF LAW IN LAWS 2003.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

**SECTION 1.** Section 61-6-10.2 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2001, Chapter 311, Section 2, as amended by Laws 2003, Chapter 19, Section 11 and by Laws 2003, Chapter 302, Section 1) is amended to read:

"61-6-10.2. DEFINITIONS.--As used in the Anesthesiologist Assistants Act:

"anesthesiologist" means a physician licensed to practice medicine in New Mexico who has successfully completed an accredited anesthesiology graduate medical education

program, who is board certified by the American board of anesthesiology or board eligible <u>and</u> who has completed a residency in anesthesiology within the last three years or who has foreign certification determined by the board to be the substantial equivalent [and who is an employee of the department of anesthesiology of a medical school in New Mexico];

- B. "anesthesiologist assistant" means a skilled person [employed or to be employed by a university in New Mexico with a medical school] certified by the board as being qualified by academic and practical training to assist an anesthesiologist in developing and implementing anesthesia care plans for patients under the supervision and direction of the anesthesiologist who is responsible for the performance of that anesthesiologist assistant;
- C. "applicant" means a person who is applying to the board for a license as an anesthesiologist assistant;
  - D. "board" means the New Mexico medical board; and
- E. "license" means an authorization to practice as an anesthesiologist assistant."

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