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HOUSE BILL NO. 602

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 54.1-2939 of the Code of Virginia, relating to surgery performed by podiatrists on patients under general anesthesia.

Patrons—Dudley; Senator: Hawkins

Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 54.1-2939 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 54.1-2939. Surgery by podiatrists on patients under general anesthesia limited.

A. Podiatrists shall not perform surgery on patients under a general anesthetic except in a hospital approved by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations or in an ambulatory surgery center approved by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations, the Accreditation Association of Ambulatory Health Care, Inc., or the American Association for Accreditation of Ambulatory Surgery Facilities, Inc. Podiatrists shall perform such surgery only to the extent permitted by this chapter and the rules of such hospital.

B. When performing surgery on patients under general anesthesia in conformance with this section, podiatrists may provide medical direction and supervision for the practice of certified registered nurse anesthetists.

2. That the Board of Nursing shall revise its regulation, (18VAC90-30-120 C) relating to the practice of certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNA) to include authority for CRNAs to practice under the medical direction and supervision of a doctor of podiatry who is performing surgery under general anesthesia in a hospital or an ambulatory surgery center in conformance with § 54.1-2939 of the Code of Virginia.

3. That the Board of Nursing shall promulgate regulations to implement the provisions of this act to be effective within 280 days of its enactment.

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