
Assembly Committee on Commerce and Labor

This measure may be considered for action during today's work session.

ASSEMBLY BILL 198

Revises provisions governing health care. (BDR 54-446)

Sponsored By: Assemblyman Orentlicher
Date Heard: April 12, 2023
Fiscal Notes: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Yes.

Assembly Bill 198 enacts the Uniform Telehealth Act, which defines telehealth as the use of synchronous or asynchronous telecommunication technology by a practitioner to provide health care to a patient at a different physical location than the practitioner. The Act permits practitioners to deliver health care services through telehealth technology if consistent with their scope of practice and the standard of care, as well as other state and federal laws. Practitioners using telehealth must follow the professional practice standards applicable to the delivery of in-person services including those related to prescribing, consent, patient privacy, and unprofessional conduct.

The measure also provides for the licensure of certified registered anesthetist as a type of advanced practice registered nurse. Such an advanced practice registered nurse may order controlled substances, poisons, and dangerous drugs only for use during the period surrounding an operation or birth. In addition, certain provisions of existing law governing advanced practice registered nurses do not apply to an advanced practice registered nurse who practices as a certified registered nurse anesthetist.

Amendments: Paul Young, Tom Clark Solutions, proposes the following amendments (attached):

1. Delete the provisions of Section 24 of the bill, which provide for the issuance of a license as an advanced practice registered nurse for the purpose of practicing as a certified registered nurse anesthetist.
2. Delete the provisions of Sections 20, 26, and 54, which remove the definition of "certified registered nurse anesthetist" and remove references to certification or approval as a certified registered nurse anesthetist.
3. Add provisions to the bill authorizing a certified registered nurse anesthetist to:
(1) possess, order, and select controlled substances, poisons, and dangerous drugs only for use during the perioperative period or the periparturient period; and (2) administer anesthetic agents to a person under the care of a licensed physician, a licensed dentist, or a licensed podiatric physician.
4. Amend the applicable provisions of Chapters 453 and 454 of *Nevada Revised Statutes*, which establish provisions governing controlled substances, poisons, and dangerous drugs and authorize certain practitioners to prescribe, possess, administer, and dispense controlled substances, poisons, and dangerous drugs, subject to various requirements and restrictions, to allow a certified registered nurse anesthetist to: (1) possess, order, and select controlled substances, poisons, and dangerous drugs only for use during the perioperative period or the periparturient period; and (2) administer anesthetic agents to a person under the care of a licensed physician, licensed dentist, or licensed podiatric physician.
5. Delete all provisions in the bill relating to the Uniform Telehealth Act.

PROPOSED CONCEPTUAL AMENDMENT

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SUBMITTED BY ASSEMBLYWOMAN MARZOLA

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- Delete the provisions of sections 20, 26 and 54 which remove the definition of “certified registered nurse anesthetist” and which remove references to certification or approval as a certified registered nurse anesthetist.
- Add provisions to the bill authorizing a certified registered nurse anesthetist to: (1) possess, order and select controlled substances, poisons and dangerous drugs only for use during the perioperative period or the periobstetrical period; and (2) administer anesthetic agents to a person under the care of a licensed physician, a licensed dentist or a licensed podiatric physician.
- Amend the applicable provisions of chapter 453 and 454 of NRS which establish provisions governing controlled substances, poisons and dangerous drugs and which authorize certain practitioners to prescribe, possess, administer and dispense controlled substances, poisons and dangerous drugs, subject to various requirements and restrictions, to allow a certified registered nurse anesthetist to: (1) possess, order and select controlled substances, poisons and dangerous drugs only for use during the perioperative period or the periobstetrical period; and (2) administer anesthetic agents to a person under the care of a licensed physician, a licensed dentist or a licensed podiatric physician.