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**SENATE BILL 256\***

Short Title: Physician Suprvsn. Required/Nurse Anesthetist. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Rucho (Primary Sponsor); Brock, Jenkins, Tarte, Tucker, and Walters.

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

March 13, 2013

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO CONFIRM THAT NORTH CAROLINA LAW REQUIRES PHYSICIAN  
SUPERVISION OF ALL NURSES PROVIDING ANESTHESIA SERVICES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 90-18(c) is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

"(c) The following shall not constitute practicing medicine or surgery as defined in this  
Article:

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(14a) The provision of anesthesia services by a nurse, including, but not limited to, a nurse anesthetist or advanced practice registered nurse, so long as the anesthesia services are provided under the supervision of (i) a physician licensed under this Article or (ii) a licensed dentist who is qualified to provide anesthesia services pursuant to G.S. 90-29.

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**SECTION 2.** G.S. 90-171.20(7)e. reads as rewritten:

"§ 90-171.20. Definitions.

As used in this Article, unless the context requires otherwise:

...

(7) The "practice of nursing by a registered nurse" consists of the following 10 components:

...

e. Collaborating with other health care providers in determining the appropriate health care for a patient but, subject to the provisions of G.S. 90-18.2, not prescribing a medical treatment regimen or making a medical diagnosis, except under supervision of a licensed physician. A nurse, including, but not limited to, a nurse anesthetist or advanced practice registered nurse, may provide anesthesia services only if the anesthesia services are provided under the supervision of (i) a physician licensed under Article 1 of this Chapter or (ii) a licensed dentist who is qualified to provide anesthesia services pursuant to G.S. 90-29.

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**SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

