



## WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

**2009 Senate Bill 535**

**Senate  
Amendments 1 and 2**

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### 2009 Senate Bill 535

2009 Senate Bill 535 does the following:

- Creates a Council on Anesthesiologist Assistants in the Department of Regulation and Licensing (DRL) and serving the Medical Examining Board (MEB) in an advisory capacity.
- Prohibits practicing as an anesthesiology assistant, or using the title “anesthesiologist assistant,” unless licensed by the MEB as an anesthesiologist assistant.
- Requires the MEB to grant a license to practice as an anesthesiologist assistant to a person who meets the following requirements for licensure in order to be licensed:
  - Obtained a bachelor’s degree.
  - Satisfactorily completed an anesthesiologist assistant program that is accredited by the commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs, or a predecessor or successor entity.
  - Passed the certifying examination administered by, or obtained active certification from, the National Commission on Certification of Anesthesiologist Assistants, or a successor entity.
- Permits the MEB to license, without additional examination, any qualified applicant for a license who is licensed in another state and whose license authorizes the applicant to practice in the same manner and to the same extent as an anesthesiology assistant is authorized to practice in this state.

- Provides that the MEB may issue a temporary license to someone who meets the requirements for licenses and has not yet passed the required examination; provides that an anesthesiologist assistant may not practice under a temporary license for more than three years.
- Requires a licensed anesthesiology assistant, every other year when applying for a certificate of registration, submit proof of meeting the criteria for recertification and meeting any continuing education requirements.
- Requires an anesthesiology assistant to be employed by a health care provider that is operated in this state for the primary purpose of providing the medical services of physicians, or that is a hospital or affiliate of a hospital that provides diagnosis or treatment of, or care for, patients of the hospital; or an ambulatory surgery center.
- Provides that an anesthesiology assistant may only practice under supervision of an anesthesiologist.
- Specifies the medical care tasks assigned by an anesthesiologist that may be performed by an anesthesiology assistant.
- Specifies what tasks may be performed by a student in an anesthesiologist assistant training program, and that supervision of students may be delegated to a qualified anesthesiology provider (an anesthesiologist, an anesthesiology fellow, an anesthesiology resident, a certified registered nurse anesthetist, or an anesthesiologist assistant).
- Requires the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin (UW) to direct the UW medical school to study the feasibility of establishing a School of Anesthesiologist Assistants in the UW System.

### **Senate Amendments 1 and 2**

Senate Amendment 1 provides that an anesthesiologist assistant may not practice for more than 18 months under a temporary license; and deletes the requirement that the UW medical school conduct a feasibility study.

Senate Amendment 2 deletes the references to the specific types of qualified anesthesiology providers to whom the supervision of a student may be delegated.

### **Legislative History**

On March 24, 2010, the Senate Committee on Health, Health Insurance, Privacy, Property Tax Relief, and Revenue recommended adoption of Senate Amendments 1 and 2 by a vote of Ayes, 7; Noes, 0; and recommended passage of the bill, as amended, by a vote of Ayes, 6; Noes, 1.

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