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HOUSE BILL 537

50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2011

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AN ACT

RELATING TO ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANTS; REMOVING THE
SUPERVISION REQUIREMENT WHEN AN ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANT
STUDENT PROVIDES ANESTHESIA.

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

SECTION 1. Section 61-6-10.7 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2001,
Chapter 311, Section 7) is amended to read:

"61-6-10.7. EXEMPTION FROM LICENSURE.--

A. An anesthesiologist assistant student enrolled
in an anesthesiologist assistant educational program accredited
by the commission on accreditation of the allied health
education programs or its successor is exempt from licensure
while functioning as an anesthesiologist assistant student [~~If~~
~~the student is providing anesthesia, the student shall be~~
~~supervised on a one-to-one basis by an anesthesiologist who is~~

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1 ~~continuously present in the operating room];~~ provided that the
2 student is supervised by an anesthesiologist, an individual
3 participating in a hospital residency program in preparation to
4 practice as a licensed anesthesiologist or a licensed
5 anesthesiologist assistant.

6 B. An anesthesiologist assistant employed by the
7 federal government is not required to be licensed as an
8 anesthesiologist assistant pursuant to the Anesthesiologist
9 Assistants Act while performing duties incident to that
10 employment."

11 SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the
12 provisions of this act is July 1, 2011.