

Senate Bill 215

By: Senator Carter of the 13th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 43-26-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 definitions relative to the "Georgia Registered Professional Nurse Practice Act," so as to
3 revise the definition of "advanced practice registered nurse" to provide for statutory
4 construction of the definition as it relates to certified registered nurse anesthetists; to provide
5 for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 43-26-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions
9 relative to the "Georgia Registered Professional Nurse Practice Act," is amended by revising
10 paragraph (1.1) as follows:

11 "(1.1) 'Advanced practice registered nurse' means a registered professional nurse licensed
12 under this chapter who is recognized by the board as having met the requirements
13 established by the board to engage in advanced nursing practice and who holds a master's
14 degree or other graduate degree approved by the board and national board certification in
15 his or her area of speciality, or a person who was recognized as an advanced practice
16 registered nurse by the board on or before June 30, 2006. This paragraph shall not be
17 construed to require a certified registered nurse anesthetist who graduated from an
18 approved nurse anesthetist educational program prior to January 1, 1999, to hold a master's
19 degree or other graduate degree."

20 **SECTION 2.**

21 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.