

House Bill 445

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 26 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 nurses, so as to revise a provision relating to the administration of anesthesia by certified  
3 registered nurse anesthetists; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and  
4 for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Chapter 26 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to nurses, is  
8 amended by revising Code Section 43-26-11.1, relating to administration of anesthesia by  
9 certified registered nurse anesthetist, as follows:

10 "43-26-11.1.

11 In any case where it is lawful for a duly licensed physician practicing medicine under the  
12 laws of this state to administer anesthesia, such anesthesia may be administered by a  
13 certified registered nurse anesthetist, provided that such anesthesia is administered ~~under~~  
14 ~~the direction and responsibility of~~ pursuant to an order by a duly licensed physician,  
15 dentist, or podiatrist. Anesthesia administered by a certified registered nurse anesthetist  
16 pursuant to this Code section shall be considered the practice of nursing."

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**SECTION 2.**

18 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.