

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the issuance of an anesthesiologist assistant certificate by the Texas Medical Board; providing an administrative penalty.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subtitle C, Title 3, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Chapter 207 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 207. ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANTS

Sec. 207.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

(1) "Anesthesiologist assistant" means a person who holds a certificate issued under this chapter.

(2) "Medical board" means the Texas Medical Board.

Sec. 207.002. GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES. The medical board shall administer and enforce this chapter.

Sec. 207.003. ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATE. The medical board shall issue a certificate to an applicant who:

(1) submits proof of completion of a graduate level training program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs or its successor organization;

(2) passes a certifying examination administered by the National Commission for Certification of Anesthesiologist Assistants or its successor organization not later than 12 months from the date of completion of the training program required under Subdivision (1);

1 (3) submits proof of current certification from the
2 National Commission for Certification of Anesthesiologist
3 Assistants or its successor organization; and

4 (4) meets any additional qualifications adopted by the
5 medical board by rule.

6 Sec. 207.004. USE OF TITLE. (a) A person may not use the
7 title "anesthesiologist assistant" or represent that the person is
8 an anesthesiologist assistant unless the person holds a certificate
9 issued under this chapter. A person who violates this subsection is
10 subject to an administrative penalty in an amount to be determined
11 by the medical board.

12 (b) A student in an anesthesiologist assistant training
13 program shall be identified as a student anesthesiologist assistant
14 or an anesthesiologist assistant student. A student may not use or
15 permit to be used on the student's behalf the term "intern,"
16 "resident," or "fellow," or another term that identifies the
17 student as a physician or surgeon.

18 SECTION 2. Not later than June 1, 2020, the Texas Medical
19 Board shall adopt the rules and procedures necessary to administer
20 Chapter 207, Occupations Code, as added by this Act.

21 SECTION 3. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b) of this
22 section, this Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

23 (b) Section 207.004, Occupations Code, as added by this Act,
24 takes effect September 1, 2020.