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S.B. No. 1992

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to physician delegation of the provision of anesthesia services to certain anesthesiologist assistants.

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

SECTION 1. The heading to Subchapter B, Chapter 157, Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER B. DELEGATION TO ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES, PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS, AND ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANTS

SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 157, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 157.061 to read as follows:

Sec. 157.061. DELEGATION TO CERTAIN ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANTS. (a) In a licensed hospital or ambulatory surgical center, a supervising physician who is an anesthesiologist may delegate the administration and provision of an anesthetic or an anesthesia-related service ordered by the supervising physician to an anesthesiologist assistant who:

(1) has passed the Certifying Examination for Anesthesiologist Assistants administered by the National Commission for Certification of Anesthesiologist Assistants or the commission's successor entity; and

(2) holds a certificate issued by the National Commission for Certification of Anesthesiologist Assistants or the commission's successor entity.

(b) The supervising physician's order for an anesthetic or

1 an anesthesia-related service is not required to specify a drug,
2 dose, or administration technique.

3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.