

1 HB245  
2 197296-2  
3 By Representative Ellis  
4 RFD: Insurance  
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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, when a contract or plan  
9 of health insurance or health care services  
10 provides reimbursement or payment for services of a  
11 certified registered nurse anesthetist (CRNA), the  
12 CRNA is entitled to direct reimbursement from the  
13 insurer under certain conditions. For the purpose  
14 of this bill, a certified registered nurse  
15 anesthetist is defined to be a licensed registered  
16 nurse certified by the Council on  
17 Certification/Recertification of Nurse  
18 Anesthetists.

19 This bill would update the definition of a  
20 certified registered nurse anesthetist for purposes  
21 of the above law to mean a licensed registered  
22 nurse certified by the National Board on  
23 Certification and Recertification for Nurse  
24 Anesthetists or other certifying body approved by  
25 the Board of Nursing.  
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27 A BILL

1 TO BE ENTITLED

2 AN ACT

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4 Relating to certified registered nurse anesthetists;  
5 to amend Section 27-46-3 of the Code of Alabama 1975,  
6 providing for direct reimbursement for the services of a  
7 certified registered nurse anesthetist by insurers, to further  
8 provide for the definition of a certified registered nurse  
9 anesthetist for the purposes of the law.

10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

11 Section 1. Section 27-46-3 of the Code of Alabama  
12 1975, is amended to read as follows:

13 "§27-46-3.

14 "For the purposes of this ~~section~~ chapter, certified  
15 registered nurse anesthetist means any licensed registered  
16 nurse licensed under Section 34-21-20, who is a graduate of a  
17 formal education program accredited by the Council on  
18 Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs or its  
19 predecessor, ~~the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists,~~  
20 and who is currently certified as a registered nurse  
21 anesthetist by the ~~Council on Certification/Recertification of~~  
22 ~~Nurse Anesthetists~~ National Board on Certification and  
23 Recertification for Nurse Anesthetists, or other certifying  
24 body approved by the Board of Nursing."

25 Section 2. This act shall become effective  
26 immediately following its passage and approval by the  
27 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

