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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to temporary licensure of
anesthesiologist assistants; amending ss. 458.3475 and
459.023, F.S.; requiring the Department of Health to
issue a temporary license to practice as an
anesthesiologist assistant to applicants meeting
specified criteria; providing for expiration of such
temporary licenses; providing that temporary licenses
are nonrenewable; providing that temporary licensees
may practice only under the direct supervision of an
anesthesiologist and pursuant to a written protocol;
requiring the Board of Medicine and the Board of
Osteopathic Medicine to adopt rules; providing an
effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Present subsections (7) through (12) of section 458.3475, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (8) through (13), respectively, and a new subsection (7) is added to that section, to read:

458.3475 Anesthesiologist assistants.—

(7) TEMPORARY LICENSURE.—

(a) The department shall issue a temporary license to practice as an anesthesiologist assistant to an applicant who

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26 meets all of the following criteria:

27 1. Has graduated from an approved anesthesiologist
28 assistant program.

29 2. Has applied for and is awaiting results of the
30 certification examination administered by the National
31 Commission for Certification of Anesthesiologist Assistants.

32 3. Has submitted a completed application for licensure and
33 paid all applicable fees.

34 4. Has not committed any act or offense that would
35 constitute grounds for denial of licensure under this chapter.

36 5. Has submitted to a background screening pursuant to s.

37 456.0135.

38 (b) A temporary license issued under this subsection:

39 1. Is valid for a period not to exceed 180 days after the
40 date of issuance.

41 2. Is nonrenewable.

42 3. Automatically expires upon the applicant's passage of
43 the certification examination and issuance of a full license, or
44 upon the applicant's failure of the certification examination.

45 (c) A temporary licensee may practice only under the
46 direct supervision of a licensed anesthesiologist who has filed
47 a written protocol with the department in accordance with
48 subsection (2).

49 (d) The boards shall adopt rules to implement this
50 subsection, including application procedures and supervision

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51 requirements.

52 **Section 2. Present subsections (7) through (12) of section**
53 **459.023, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (8)**
54 **through (13), respectively, and a new subsection (7) is added to**
55 **that section, to read:**

56 459.023 Anesthesiologist assistants.—

57 (7) TEMPORARY LICENSURE.—

58 (a) The department shall issue a temporary license to
59 practice as an anesthesiologist assistant to an applicant who
60 meets all of the following criteria:

61 1. Has graduated from an approved anesthesiologist
62 assistant program.

63 2. Has applied for and is awaiting results of the
64 certification examination administered by the National
65 Commission for Certification of Anesthesiologist Assistants.

66 3. Has submitted a completed application for licensure and
67 paid all applicable fees.

68 4. Has not committed any act or offense that would
69 constitute grounds for denial of licensure under this chapter.

70 5. Has submitted to a background screening pursuant to s.
71 456.0135.

72 (b) A temporary license issued under this subsection:

73 1. Is valid for a period not to exceed 180 days after the
74 date of issuance.

75 2. Is nonrenewable.

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77 the certification examination and issuance of a full license, or
78 upon the applicant's failure of the certification examination.

79 (c) A temporary licensee may practice only under the
80 direct supervision of a licensed anesthesiologist who has filed
81 a written protocol with the department in accordance with
82 subsection (2).

83 (d) The boards shall adopt rules to implement this
84 subsection, including application procedures and supervision
85 requirements.

86 **Section 3.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.