

By Senator Harrell

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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  
meets all of the following criteria:

1. Has graduated from an approved anesthesiologist  
assistant program.

2. Has applied for and is awaiting results of the

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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 direct  
46 supervision of a licensed anesthesiologist who has filed a  
47 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  
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

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practice as an anesthesiologist assistant to an applicant who meets all of the following criteria:

1. Has graduated from an approved anesthesiologist assistant program.

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

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

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

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

(b) A temporary license issued under this subsection:

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

2. Is nonrenewable.

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

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

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

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