

Hall of the House of Representatives
91st General Assembly - Regular Session, 2017
Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill No. 2230

TO REQUIRE CIRCULATING NURSES IN OPERATING ROOMS OF HOSPITALS AND AMBULATORY
SURGERY CENTERS.

Amendment No. 1 to House Bill No. 2230

Amend House Bill No. 2230 as originally introduced:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 9, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

20-9-104. Circulating nurses required in operating rooms –

Definitions.

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Circulating nurse" means a registered nurse who is licensed to practice in the state and who is trained in perioperative nursing; and

(2) "Perioperative nursing" means a specialized area of nursing practice that involves the planning, coordination, delivery, and evaluation of nursing care to patients whose protective reflexes or self-care abilities are potentially compromised during surgical procedures.

(b) To enhance patient safety and protection, a hospital or an ambulatory surgery center licensed in this state shall adopt policies and procedures to:

(1) Require a circulating nurse to be:

(A) Assigned to an operating room for every procedure; and

(B) Present for the duration of the procedure unless the procedure requires the circulating nurse to leave the operating room as part of the procedure, the circulating nurse is relieved by another circulating nurse, or an exceptional emergency situation exists; and

(2) Coordinate the nursing care and safety needs of the patient in the operating room."



The Amendment was read _____

By: Representative Hammer

JMB/JMB - 03-10-2017 14:26:44

JMB455

Chief Clerk