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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring a registered nurse to be present in operating
2 rooms during certain surgical procedures.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 135B.18B NURSE REQUIRED IN
1 2 OPERATING ROOM.
1 3 1. The department, in accordance with chapter 17A and with
1 4 the approval of the state board of health, shall adopt and
1 5 enforce rules that require hospitals and ambulatory surgical
1 6 centers to require that a registered nurse, qualified by
1 7 training and experience in operating room nursing, shall be
1 8 present as a circulating nurse in each separate operating room
1 9 where invasive surgery is being performed for the duration of
1 10 the operative procedure. The rules shall be formulated in
1 11 consultation with the director or director's designee and with
1 12 affected professional industry and consumer groups.
1 13 2. Nothing in this section precludes a circulating nurse
1 14 from leaving the operating room as part of the operative
1 15 procedure, leaving the operating room for short periods, or,
1 16 in accordance with employee rules or regulations, being
1 17 relieved during an operative procedure by another circulating
1 18 nurse assigned to continue the operative procedure.
1 19 3. For the purposes of this section, "invasive procedure"
1 20 means the surgical entry into tissues, cavities, or organs of
1 21 the human body, or the repair of major traumatic injuries. An
1 22 "invasive procedure" may be performed for a diagnostic or
1 23 treatment-related purpose.
1 24 Sec. 2. IMPLEMENTATION OF ACT. Section 25B.2, subsection
1 25 3, shall not apply to this Act.

EXPLANATION

1 27 This bill requires the presence of a registered nurse
1 28 during all invasive procedures in hospital operating rooms and
1 29 ambulatory surgical centers.
1 30 The bill may include a state mandate as defined in Code
1 31 section 25B.3. The bill makes inapplicable Code section
1 32 25B.2, subsection 3, which would relieve a political
1 33 subdivision from complying with a state mandate if funding for
1 34 the cost of the state mandate is not provided or specified.
1 35 Therefore, political subdivisions are required to comply with
2 1 any state mandate included in the bill.
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