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Human Resources

SENATE FILE SF/HF 311
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
HUMAN RESOURCES BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON BOETTGER)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to coverage under an insurance policy for
2 services of a registered nurse first assistant.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 514C.14 REGISTERED NURSE FIRST
2 ASSISTANT COVERAGE.

3 1. Notwithstanding section 514C.6, an individual or group
4 policy of accident or health insurance or individual or group
5 hospital or health care service contract issued pursuant to
6 chapter 509, 514, or 514A, or an individual or group health
7 maintenance organization contract issued pursuant to chapter
8 514B and delivered, amended, or renewed on or after the
9 effective date of this Act, that provides coverage for first
10 surgical assistant benefits or services, shall be interpreted
11 to include coverage for a registered nurse first assistant, if
12 the individual meets all of the following qualifications:

13 a. Is licensed as a registered nurse pursuant to chapter
14 152.

15 b. Is certified in perioperative nursing.

16 c. Holds a certificate from and has successfully completed
17 a recognized program for registered nurse first assistant
18 education.

19 2. For the purposes of this section:

20 a. "Perioperative nursing" means the practice of nursing
21 in which the nurse provides preoperative, intraoperative, and
22 postoperative nursing care to surgical patients.

23 b. "Recognized program" means a program that meets all of
24 the following conditions:

25 (1) Addresses the entire core curriculum for registered
26 nurse first assistants established by the association of
27 operating nurses.

28 (2) Includes one academic year, equivalent to two college
29 semesters, in a college or university with didactic
30 instruction and clinical internship programs.

31 EXPLANATION

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