

# Senate Study Bill 1178

## Bill Text

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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 514C.14 REGISTERED NURSE FIRST  
1 2 ASSISTANT COVERAGE.  
1 3 1. Notwithstanding section 514C.6, an individual or group  
1 4 policy of accident or health insurance or individual or group  
1 5 hospital or health care service contract issued pursuant to  
1 6 chapter 509, 514, or 514A, or an individual or group health  
1 7 maintenance organization contract issued pursuant to chapter  
1 8 514B and delivered, amended, or renewed on or after the  
1 9 effective date of this Act, that provides coverage for first  
1 10 surgical assistant benefits or services, shall be interpreted  
1 11 to include coverage for a registered nurse first assistant, if  
1 12 the individual meets all of the following qualifications:  
1 13 a. Is licensed as a registered nurse pursuant to chapter  
1 14 152.  
1 15 b. Is certified in perioperative nursing.  
1 16 c. Holds a certificate from and has successfully completed  
1 17 a recognized program for registered nurse first assistant  
1 18 education.  
1 19 2. For the purposes of this section:  
1 20 a. "Perioperative nursing" means the practice of nursing  
1 21 in which the nurse provides preoperative, intraoperative, and  
1 22 postoperative nursing care to surgical patients.  
1 23 b. "Recognized program" means a program that meets all of  
1 24 the following conditions:  
1 25 (1) Addresses the entire core curriculum for registered  
1 26 nurse first assistants established by the association of  
1 27 operating nurses.  
1 28 (2) Includes one academic year, equivalent to two college  
1 29 semesters, in a college or university with didactic  
1 30 instruction and clinical internship programs.  
1 31 EXPLANATION  
1 32 This bill requires that an individual or group policy of  
1 33 accident or health insurance or individual or group hospital  
1 34 or health care service contract issued under Code chapter 509  
1 35 (group insurance), Code chapter 514 (nonprofit health service  
2 1 corporation), or Code chapter 514A (individual accident and  
2 2 health insurance) or an individual or group health maintenance  
2 3 organization contract issued pursuant to Code chapter 514B  
2 4 (health maintenance organizations) and delivered, amended, or  
2 5 renewed on or after the effective date of the bill, that  
2 6 provides first surgical assistant benefits or services is to  
2 7 be interpreted to include registered nurse first assistants,  
2 8 if the individual meets certain qualifications. The bill  
2 9 specifies the qualifications which must be met and provides  
2 10 definitions.  
2 11 LSB 2012SC 78  
2 12 pf/cf/24.1