

Senate Study Bill 1255

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HUMAN RESOURCES BILL BY
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring a circulating nurse to be present in operating
2 rooms during surgical procedures and providing an effective
3 date.
4 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 A hospital or outpatient surgical facility, as defined in
1 4 section 135.61, shall ensure that a registered nurse,
1 5 qualified by training and experience in operating room
1 6 nursing, is present as a circulating nurse in each separate
1 7 operating room where surgery is being performed for the
1 8 duration of the operative procedure. Nothing in this section
1 9 precludes a circulating nurse from leaving the operating room
1 10 as part of the operative procedure, leaving the operating room
1 11 for short periods or, in accordance with employee rules or
1 12 regulations, being relieved during an operative procedure by
1 13 another circulating nurse assigned to continue the operative
1 14 procedure.
1 15 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of
1 16 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.
1 17 EXPLANATION
1 18 This Act requires that a registered nurse, qualified by
1 19 training and experience in operating room nursing, shall be
1 20 present in each separate operating room where surgery is being
1 21 performed. The bill contains an immediate effective date.
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