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(COMPANION TO SSB 1035)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring hospitals and outpatient surgical facilities
2 to report data on the use of a registered nurse as a
3 circulating nurse during surgical procedures and including
4 effective date provisions.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 135.75A Data reporting on
2 circulating nurse in operating room.

3 1. a. A hospital or outpatient surgical facility, as
4 defined in section 135.61, shall keep written records regarding
5 the use of circulating nurses in each separate operating room
6 where surgery is being performed.

7 b. For purposes of this section, "*circulating nurse*" means
8 a registered nurse, qualified by training and experience
9 in operating room nursing, who is present in an operating
10 room where surgery is being performed for the duration of
11 the operative procedure. Instances of a circulating nurse
12 leaving the operating room as part of the operative procedure,
13 leaving the operating room for short periods or, in accordance
14 with employer rules or regulations, being relieved during an
15 operative procedure by another circulating nurse assigned to
16 continue the operative procedure shall not disqualify the nurse
17 from being a circulating nurse.

18 2. The data collected pursuant to subsection 1 shall be
19 made available to the public at least annually. A circulating
20 nurse shall assist the administration of the nurse's employing
21 facility in complying with this section.

22 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE UPON ENACTMENT. This Act, being deemed of
23 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

24 EXPLANATION

25 This bill requires the collection and public reporting
26 of patient safety data regarding hospitals' and outpatient
27 surgical facilities' use of a registered nurse in the role of
28 a circulator that is present to assure quality care of the
29 patient during surgery.