

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**HOUSE BILL 878**

Short Title: CRNAs in Counties with Critical Access Hosp. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Cunningham and Setzer (Primary Sponsors).  
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Referred to: Health and Human Services, if favorable, Regulatory Reform.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT TO ALLOW FOR NURSE ANESTHETISTS TO PROVIDE ANESTHESIA  
SERVICES IN COLLABORATION WITH CERTAIN HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS IN  
A COUNTY IN WHICH A LICENSED CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITAL IS LOCATED.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** If House Bill 181 of the 2013 Regular Session becomes law, then G.S. 90-18(c)(14a) reads as rewritten:

"(14a) The provision of anesthesia services by a nurse anesthetist, so long as the anesthesia services are provided under the supervision of (i) a physician licensed under this Article or (ii) a licensed dentist who is qualified to provide anesthesia services pursuant to G.S. 90-29. A nurse anesthetist may provide local anesthesia under the supervision of a licensed podiatrist pursuant to G.S. 90-202.2(a). Notwithstanding any provision of this subdivision to the contrary, a nurse anesthetist may provide anesthesia services in collaboration with a physician, dentist, or podiatrist in a county in which a licensed critical access hospital, as defined in 42 C.F.R. § 400.202, is located."

**SECTION 2.** If House Bill 181 of the 2013 Regular Session becomes law, then G.S. 90-171.20(7)e. reads as rewritten:

**"§ 90-171.20. Definitions.**

As used in this Article, unless the context requires otherwise:

...  
(7) The "practice of nursing by a registered nurse" consists of the following 10 components:

...  
e. Collaborating with other health care providers in determining the appropriate health care for a patient but, subject to the provisions of G.S. 90-18.2, not prescribing a medical treatment regimen or making a medical diagnosis, except under supervision of a licensed physician. A nurse anesthetist may provide anesthesia services are provided under the supervision of (i) a physician licensed under this Article or (ii) a licensed dentist who is qualified to provide anesthesia services pursuant to G.S. 90-29. A nurse anesthetist may provide local anesthesia under the supervision of a licensed podiatrist pursuant to G.S. 90-202.2(a). Notwithstanding any provision of this



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3                                    podiatrist in a county in which a licensed critical access hospital, as  
4                                    defined in 42 C.F.R. § 400.202, is located."

5                    **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.