



Memorandum in Support - S5435-B (Senator Cooney)/A7268 (Assemblyman Gottfried)

Relates to certified registered nurse anesthetists

Our organizations strongly support S5435-B/A7268, which would create licensure with a scope of practice for certified registered nurse anesthetists (CRNAs). CRNAs are masters and doctorate educated advance practice professionals, who are required to undergo robust education and training. This legislation would grant CRNAs the full authority to administer patient care commensurate with their advanced education, training and experience and to ensure anesthesia services are safe and affordable for every patient in New York.

New York is the only state in the entire country that does not recognize CRNAs and the critical services they provide. This legislation will increase access to high quality anesthesia services in rural, and other underserved areas, and encourage CRNAs to practice in this state and provide these needed services.

For these reasons, our organizations know that we must act promptly to remedy this situation and create a license and scope of practice for CRNAs, which is why we strongly support S5435-B/A7268 and urge its swift passage.

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Healthcare Association of New York State
New York Organization of Nurse Executives & Leaders
The Nurse Practitioner Association New York State