

Memorandum in Support of A442 (Paulin)/S1385 (Gallivan) CRNA Title Protection

ANA-New York (ANA-NY), the state constituent of the national American Nurses Association (ANA), is a professional nursing organization representing the interests of New York State's 260,000 registered nurses. ANA-NY advances the nursing profession by fostering high standards of nursing care, supporting the professional and educational advancement of nurses, and promoting the welfare of nurses to the end that all people may have better health care.

ANA-New York, on behalf of its members and their patients, **strongly supports** the passage of A442 (Paulin)/S1385 (Gallivan), which establishes title protection for Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNA). Title protection ensures only those properly certified as CRNAs identify themselves as such.

Title protection will:

- Establish greater protections for the public.
- Require minimum competency including, advanced education, experience, and clinical training.
- Promote professional accountability through uniform standards.
- Help regulators combat fraud and enhance enforcement through professional discipline.
- Ensure a robust and competent base of providers, particularly in our underserved and rural communities.

This bill will *NOT*:

- Impact scope of practice bill.
- Expand or diminish current practice.
- Change current hospital regulations.
- Permit CRNA to engage in independent practice

For the above reasons, ANA-NY **strongly supports** the passage of A442 (Paulin)/S1385 (Gallivan).