

House Bill No. 483

An act relating to nursing services; amending s. 395.0191, F.S.; requiring hospitals to meet the requirements of a federal regulation relating to registered nurses performing circulating duties in operating rooms; requiring circulating nurses to be present in operating rooms during specified times; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Paragraph (d) is added to subsection (2) of section 395.0191, Florida Statutes, to read:

395.0191 Staff membership and clinical privileges.—

(2)

(d) Each hospital shall meet the requirements of the Medicare and Medicaid Conditions of Participation for Hospitals under 42 C.F.R. s. 482.51(a)(3) as they apply to registered nurses performing circulating duties in the operating room and as provided in the interpretive guidelines provided by the United States Department of Health and Human Services. A circulating nurse shall be present in the operating room for the duration of a surgical procedure.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.

Approved by the Governor June 9, 2006.

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