Introduced by M. of A. CROUCH -- read once and referred to the Committee on Insurance

AN ACT to amend the insurance law, in relation to mandatory health insurance coverage for certified registered nurse anesthetists providing anesthesia services

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Subsection (i) of section 3216 of the insurance law is amended by adding a new paragraph 34 to read as follows:
   (34) Every policy which provides for coverage for anesthesia services shall include coverage for anesthesia services provided by an independently employed certified registered nurse anesthetist. The term "certified registered nurse anesthetist" as used in this paragraph shall mean a person who has satisfactorily completed educational preparation for the practice of nurse anesthesia in a program accredited by a national accrediting body recognized by the department of health or determined by the department of health to be the equivalent and who is currently certified by a national certifying body recognized by the department of health.

§ 2. Subsection (l) of section 3221 of the insurance law is amended by
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EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.