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

Section 1. Section 6902 of the education law is amended by
adding a new subdivision 4 to read as follows:

4. (a) The practice of registered professional nursing by a
certified registered nurse anesthetist may include the ability to prescribe
during the peri-anesthetic period. The certified registered nurse
anesthetist shall obtain a certificate from the department upon
successfully completing a program including an appropriate pharmacology component,
or its equivalent, as established by the commissioner’s regulations,
before prescribing under this subdivision. The certificate shall
state whether the certified registered nurse anesthetist has
successfully completed such a program or equivalent and is authorized to
prescribe under this subdivision.

(b) For purposes of this article the term “certified registered
nurse anesthetist” means a certified registered nurse anesthetist
who has successfully completed a program including an appropriate
pharmacology component, or its equivalent, as established by the
commissioner’s regulations, prior to prescribing under this subdivision.
"anesthetist" shall mean a registered professional nurse licensed in this state: who has satisfactorily completed educational preparation for the provision of anesthesia services in a program registered by the department or in a program accredited by a national body recognized by the department or determined by the department to be equivalent; and who submits evidence in a manner and form prescribed by the department of current certification or recertification by a national certifying body recognized by the department.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted. LBD00918-01-7