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**Re: House Passage of HB 649 Autonomous Practice by a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist**

**Tallahassee, Fla.** – The Florida Association of Nurse Anesthesiology (FANA) today released the following statement in response to the Florida House's passage of HB 649, sponsored by Representative Mike Giallombardo.

“We thank Representative Mike Giallombardo for his strong leadership and commitment to advancing [HB 649](#), which passed today on the House Floor following its third reading. This critical legislation removes unnecessary restrictions on Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs), allowing them to practice to the full extent of their education and training.

“HB 649 is a vital step toward expanding access to safe, high-quality anesthesia care – particularly in rural and underserved settings where patients often face barriers to timely treatment. By modernizing outdated laws, the bill supports Florida’s evolving health care needs and recognizes the essential role CRNAs play in improving patient outcomes while lowering costs.

“We are grateful to members of the Florida House for approving this measure and urge the Florida Senate to support the companion measure, [SB 718](#) to ensure this meaningful reform becomes law.”

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*Founded in 1936, The Florida Association of Nurse Anesthesiology (FANA) represents more than 6,400 nurse anesthesiology professionals. FANA advocates for its patients and members in legislative and governmental affairs and serves as a resource for CRNAs, the nursing and medical professions, hospitals, healthcare facilities, and others interested in anesthesia care. For more information visit [www.fana.org](http://www.fana.org).*