

Committee on Public Health

Bill Summary

Bill No.	H2484/S1499
Sponsor:	Representative Jay Livingstone/Senator John Cronin
Title:	<i>An Act relative to anesthesiologist assistants</i>
Committee:	Public Health
Hearing Date:	July 14, 2025
Similar Matters:	S1499
Prior History:	Refile of H2229 of 23-24; Referred to Public Health; Accompanied S1347; Bill reported favorably by committee and referred to the committee on Health Care Financing; Ought not to pass (under Joint Rule 10); No further action taken.
Reporting Deadline:	September 12, 2025

Current Law:

- **M.G.L. ch.112** pertains to the registration of certain professions and occupations.

Summary:

This bill amends M.G.L. ch.112 by adding the following sections:

Section 12HH defines the following words applicable to M.G.L. ch.112 §12HH to 12MM: “anesthesiologist,” “anesthesiologist assistant,” “assists,” “back-up anesthesiologist,” “board,” “supervising anesthesiologist,” “supervision,” and “in the same facility.”

Section 12II:

- Permits an anesthesiology assistant to assist in anesthesia services under the supervision of a licensed anesthesiologist
- Permits the Board of Registration in Medicine (BORIM) to adopt rules and regulations to implement M.G.L. ch.112 §12HH to 12MM that are consistent with the standards of care established by the National Commission for Certification of Anesthesiologist Assistants.
 - Such regulations include requiring an anesthesiology assistant to be supervised by an anesthesiologist who is on-site; and
 - Requiring anesthesiologist assistants to comply with all the requirements of the National Commission for Certification of Anesthesiologist Assistants

Section 12JJ requires BORIM to register and issue licenses to anesthesiologist assistants, take appropriate disciplinary action against anesthesiologist assistants, approve programs for the training of anesthesiologist assistants and maintain a current roster of persons serving as anesthesiologist assistants as well as a list of approved training programs.

Section 12KK:

Subsection (a) requires anesthesiologist assistant licensure applications to be submitted according to BORIM's procedures. Licensed anesthesiology assistants must:

- Graduate from an anesthesiologist assistant program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP); and
- Completed a certification examination administered by the National Commission for Certification of Anesthesiologist Assistants or another national certifying agency approved by BORIM

Subsection (b) permits BORIM to issue a temporary license, not to exceed one year, to any person who completes a board-approved program for the education and training of an anesthesiologist assistant but has not passed a certification examination.

Subsection (c) sets the deadline for licenses other than temporary licenses to expire annually on December 31. An anesthesiologist assistant may renew their license by submitting a renewal application form and renewal fee to BORIM prior to the expiration of the current license.

Subsection (d) permits BORIM to reinstate a lapsed license if the applicant pays a reinstatement fee and meets the requirements for the granting of an initial license.

Section 12LL clarifies that an anesthesiologist assistant has access to and is able to obtain drugs as ordered and directed by the supervising anesthesiologist.

Section 12MM sets the fine and imprisonment amount ranges for any person who practices or represents as an anesthesiologist assistant without a license any person who employs such a person.