

**Representative Suzanne Harrison** proposes the following substitute bill:

**ANESTHESIA AND SEDATION AMENDMENTS**

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STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Suzanne Harrison**

Senate Sponsor: Michael S. Kennedy

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill amends and enacts provisions related to anesthesia and sedation.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ consolidates and modifies requirements that an anesthesia or sedation provider must perform before, during, and after a patient undergoes anesthesia or sedation in outpatient settings;
- ▶ gives authority to the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing (division) to establish safety standards for sedation and anesthesia; and
- ▶ prohibits an employer from taking adverse action against an individual who notifies the division of a violation related to anesthesia and sedation.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

ENACTS:



26 [58-1-510](#), Utah Code Annotated 1953

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28 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

29 Section 1. Section **58-1-510** is enacted to read:

30 **58-1-510. Anesthesia and sedation requirements -- Unprofessional conduct --**

31 **Whistleblower protection.**

32 (1) As used in this section:

33 (a) "Anesthesia or sedation provider" means an individual who is licensed:

34 (i) under Chapter 5a, Podiatric Physician Licensing Act;

35 (ii) under Subsection [58-31b-301\(2\)\(e\)](#);

36 (iii) under Chapter 67, Utah Medical Practice Act;

37 (iv) under Chapter 68, Utah Osteopathic Medical Practice Act; or

38 (v) as a dentist under Chapter 69, Dentist and Dental Hygienist Practice Act, and who

39 has obtained the appropriate permit established by the division under Subsection [58-69-301\(4\)](#).

40 (b) "Deep sedation" means a drug-induced depression of consciousness where an  
41 individual:

42 (i) cannot be easily aroused;

43 (ii) responds purposefully following repeated or painful stimulation;

44 (iii) may not be able to independently maintain ventilatory function;

45 (iv) may require assistance in maintaining a patent airway; and

46 (v) usually maintains cardiovascular function.

47 (c) "General anesthesia" means a drug-induced loss of consciousness where an  
48 individual:

49 (i) cannot be aroused, even by painful stimulation;

50 (ii) is often unable to maintain ventilatory function;

51 (iii) often requires assistance in maintaining a patent airway and positive pressure  
52 ventilation may be required because of depressed spontaneous ventilation or drug-induced  
53 depression of neuromuscular function; and

54 (iv) may not be able to maintain cardiovascular function.

55 (d) "General anesthetic" means a drug identified as a general anesthetic by the federal  
56 Food and Drug Administration.

- 57 (e) "Minimal sedation" means a drug-induced state where an individual:  
58 (i) responds normally to verbal commands;  
59 (ii) may have reduced cognitive function and physical coordination; and  
60 (iii) maintains airway reflexes, ventilatory function, and cardiovascular function.  
61 (f) "Moderate sedation" means a drug-induced depression of consciousness where an  
62 individual:  
63 (i) responds purposefully to verbal commands, either alone or accompanied by light  
64 tactile stimulation;  
65 (ii) maintains a patent airway;  
66 (iii) maintains spontaneous ventilation; and  
67 (iv) usually maintains cardiovascular function.  
68 (2) An anesthesia or sedation provider may not cause a patient to undergo moderate  
69 sedation, deep sedation, or general anesthesia, in an outpatient setting that is not an emergency  
70 department without:  
71 (a) first providing the following information in writing and verbally:  
72 (i) the level of anesthesia or sedation being administered;  
73 (ii) the identity, type of license, and training of the provider who is performing the  
74 procedure for which the anesthesia or sedation will be administered;  
75 (iii) the identity, type of license, and a description of the training described in  
76 Subsection (4) of the anesthesia or sedation provider who will be administering the anesthesia  
77 or sedation; and  
78 (iv) a description of the monitoring that will occur during the sedation or anesthesia,  
79 including descriptions related to the monitoring of the patient's oxygenation, ventilation, and  
80 circulation;  
81 (b) after complying with Subsection (2)(a), obtaining the patient's written and verbal  
82 consent regarding the procedure;  
83 (c) having the training described in Subsection (4);  
84 (d) directly supervising the patient;  
85 (e) if the patient is a minor, having a current pediatric advanced life support  
86 certification;  
87 (f) if the patient is an adult, having a current advanced cardiovascular life support

88 certification;

89 (g) having at least one individual in the procedure room who has advanced airway  
90 training and the knowledge and skills to recognize and treat airway complications and rescue a  
91 patient who entered a deeper than intended level of sedation;

92 (h) having access during the procedure to an advanced cardiac life support crash cart in  
93 the office with equipment that:

94 (i) is regularly maintained according to guidelines established by the American Heart  
95 Association; and

96 (ii) includes:

97 (A) a defibrillator;

98 (B) administrable oxygen;

99 (C) age appropriate airway equipment;

100 (D) positive pressure ventilation equipment; and

101 (E) unexpired emergency and reversal medications including naloxone for opioid  
102 sedation and flumazenil for benzodiazepine sedation;

103 (i) using monitors that meet basic standards set by the American Society of  
104 Anesthesiologists and continually monitoring ventilatory function with capnography unless  
105 precluded or invalidated by the nature of the patient, procedure, or equipment; and

106 (j) entering appropriate information into the patient's chart or medical record, which  
107 shall include:

108 (i) the patient's name;

109 (ii) route and site the anesthesia or sedation was administered;

110 (iii) the time of anesthesia or sedation administration and the dosage;

111 (iv) the patient's periodic vital signs during the procedure; and

112 (v) the name of the individual who monitored the patient's oxygenation and ventilation.

113 (3) (a) An anesthesia or sedation provider who violates Subsection (2) or any rule  
114 created by the division to implement this section commits unprofessional conduct.

115 (b) An individual commits unprofessional conduct if the individual administers  
116 anesthesia or sedation for which the individual is not appropriately trained.

117 (4) (a) In accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act,  
118 the division shall make rules to create training and safety standards regarding the inducing of

119 general anesthesia, deep sedation, and moderate sedation:

120 (i) for each license described in Subsection (1)(a);

121 (ii) that are based on standards created by nationally recognized organizations, such as

122 the American Society of Anesthesiologists, the American Dental Association, or the American

123 Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons; and

124 (iii) that include safety standards for general anesthetic use that are consistent with

125 federal Food and Drug Administration guidance.

126 (b) For making rules described in Subsection (4)(a), the division shall consult with the

127 applicable licensing boards and a board described in Sections [58-67-201](#), [58-68-201](#), and [58-](#)

128 [69-201](#).

129 (5) The requirements of Subsection (2) do not apply to the practice of inducing

130 minimal sedation.

131 (6) An employer may not take an adverse employment action against an employee if:

132 (a) the employee notifies the division of:

133 (i) a violation of this section; or

134 (ii) a violation of any rule created by the division to implement this section; and

135 (b) the employment action is based on the individual notifying the division of the

136 violation.