

\*Sponsorship has changed since the bill was introduced

REFERENCE TITLE: hospitals; outpatient surgical centers; nurses

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## **HB 2132**

\*Introduced by  
Representatives Bliss: Willoughby; Senators Burch, Champ

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 36, CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 2, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY  
ADDING SECTION 36-434.02; RELATING TO HEALTH CARE INSTITUTIONS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:  
2 Section 1. Title 36, chapter 4, article 2, Arizona Revised  
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 36-434.02, to read:  
4 36-434.02. Outpatient surgical centers; hospitals; policies;  
5 circulator nurses; definition  
6 A. ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2026, EACH OUTPATIENT SURGICAL CENTER  
7 AND HOSPITAL SHALL ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT POLICIES REQUIRING A REGISTERED  
8 NURSE TO BE A CIRCULATOR WHO IS PHYSICALLY PRESENT IN AN OPERATING ROOM  
9 FOR THE DURATION OF EACH SURGICAL PROCEDURE.  
10 B. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THIS SECTION DURING  
11 ANY ONSITE INSPECTION AND IN RESPONSE TO ANY COMPLAINT RECEIVED RELATING  
12 TO A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION.  
13 C. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "CIRCULATOR" MEANS A  
14 REGISTERED NURSE WHO IS LICENSED PURSUANT TO TITLE 32, CHAPTER 15 AND WHO  
15 IS EDUCATED AND TRAINED IN PERIOPERATIVE NURSING TO BOTH:  
16 1. COORDINATE THE NURSING CARE AND SAFETY NEEDS OF THE PATIENT IN  
17 THE OPERATING ROOM.  
18 2. SUPPORT THE SURGICAL TEAM, AS APPROPRIATE, DURING SURGERY.