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AN ACT concerning insurance.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The Illinois Insurance Code is amended by adding Section 370b.1 as follows:

(215 ILCS 5/370b.1 new)

Sec. 370b.1. Surgical assistant payments. Payment for services rendered by a registered surgical assistant, as defined in the Registered Surgical Assistant and Registered Surgical Technologist Title Protection Act, who is neither an employee of an ambulatory surgical treatment center, as defined in the Ambulatory Surgical Treatment Center Act, nor an employee of a hospital shall be paid at the appropriate non-physician modifier rate if the payor would have made payment had the same services been provided by a physician.

Section 10. The Registered Surgical Assistant and Registered Surgical Technologist Title Protection Act is amended by adding Section 47 as follows:

(225 ILCS 130/47 new)

Sec. 47. Payment; surgical assistant. Payment for services rendered by a registered surgical assistant who is neither an

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employee of an ambulatory surgical treatment center, as defined in the Ambulatory Surgical Treatment Center Act, nor an employee of a hospital shall be paid at the appropriate non-physician modifier rate if the payor would have made payment had the same services been provided by a physician.