

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 81

Sponsor: REPRESENTATIVE KAUFFMAN

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1 Amend Bill, page 3, line 3, by inserting after "functions"
2 as directed

3 Amend Bill, page 3, lines 6 through 28, by striking out all
4 of said lines and inserting

5 (1) preparing the operating room and the sterile
6 operating field for surgical procedures by ensuring that
7 surgical equipment is functioning properly and safely and
8 using sterile technique to prepare supplies, instruments and
9 equipment;

10 (2) assisting the surgeon with placing sterile drapes on
11 the patient to establish the sterile operating field;

12 (3) participating in the time-out process of verifying
13 the correct patient, procedure and surgical site;

14 (4) anticipating the needs of the surgeon, based on
15 knowledge of human anatomy and pathophysiology, by preparing
16 and passing instruments and supplies during a surgical
17 procedure;

18 (5) sponging and suctioning the operative site;

19 (6) preparing and cutting suture material;

20 (7) preparing and pouring irrigation solutions during a
21 surgical procedure;

22 (8) preparing and passing medications and hemostatic
23 agents during a surgical procedure;

24 (9) transferring and administering drugs within the
25 sterile field in accordance with the applicable laws of this
26 Commonwealth;

27 (10) preparing and passing off specimens;

28 (11) holding retractors or other instruments;

29 (12) applying electrocautery to clamps or forceps on
30 bleeding vessels;

31 (13) operating the camera during an endoscopic
32 procedure;

33 (14) placing instruments in robotic arms during a
34 surgical procedure;

35 (15) connecting drains to suction apparatuses;

36 (16) performing urinary catheterizations;

37 (17) preparing and applying sterile dressings to closed

1 wounds;
2 (18) performing counts of sponges, needles, supplies and
3 instruments with a registered nurse circulator;
4 (19) cleaning and preparing instruments for
5 sterilization upon completion of a surgical procedure;
6 (20) assisting the surgical team with cleaning of the
7 operating room upon completion of a surgical procedure;
8 (21) assisting with transferring the patient to and
9 positioning the patient on the operating table; and
10 (22) maintaining the highest standard of sterile
11 technique, including identifying and correcting breaks in the
12 sterile operating field.

13 Amend Bill, page 4, line 17, by striking out "December 31,
14 2019" and inserting

15 the effective date of this act

16 Amend Bill, page 6, line 17, by inserting after "technology"
17 as the individual's primary function

18 Amend Bill, page 6, by inserting between lines 24 and 25

19 (2) A health care facility that employs or contracts
20 with an individual to practice surgical technology shall
21 verify the dates of employment of the individual or contract
22 period with the individual upon request by any of the
23 following:

24 (i) another health care facility;
25 (ii) another individual who is employed by or
26 contracts with the health care facility to practice
27 surgical technology; or
28 (iii) another individual who was formerly employed
29 by or contracted with the health care facility to
30 practice surgical technology.

31 Amend Bill, page 6, line 25, by striking out "(2)" and
32 inserting

33 (3)

34 Amend Bill, page 6, lines 26 and 27, by striking out "12-
35 month" and inserting

36 six-month

37 Amend Bill, page 7, lines 4 through 8, by striking out all of
38 said lines and inserting

39 (a) Compliance.--An individual who is employed by or
40 contracts with a health care facility to practice surgical
41 technology and is certified under section 501(1)(i) shall:

1 (1) comply with the continuing education requirements as
2 necessary to maintain the Certified Surgical Technologist
3 credential under section 501(1)(i); and

4 (2) provide proof of compliance with the continuing
5 education requirements to the health care facility upon
6 request.

7 (b) Additional requirement.--An individual who is employed
8 by or contracts with a health care facility to practice surgical
9 technology and is not certified under section 501(1)(i) or has
10 let the individual's certification lapse shall:

11 (1) complete 30 hours of relevant continuing education
12 every two years in order to remain eligible to practice
13 surgical technology; and

14 (2) be responsible for proving, to the satisfaction of
15 the health care facility, that the individual complies with
16 this subsection.

17 Amend Bill, page 7, line 9, by striking out "(b)" and
18 inserting

19 (c)

20 Amend Bill, page 7, line 12, by striking out "(a)" and
21 inserting

22 (b)

23 Amend Bill, page 8, line 5, by striking out "central service
24 technician" and inserting

25 surgical technologist