AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 81

Sponsor: REPRESENTATIVE KAUFFMAN

Printer's No. 83

Amend Bill, page 3, line 3, by inserting after "functions"

as directed

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

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

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

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

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

(5) sponging and suctioning the operative site;

(6) preparing and cutting suture material;

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

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

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

(10) preparing and passing off specimens;

(11) holding retractors or other instruments;

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

(13) operating the camera during an endoscopic procedure;

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

(15) connecting drains to suction apparatuses;

(16) performing urinary catheterizations;

(17) preparing and applying sterile dressings to closed

wounds;

(18) performing counts of sponges, needles, supplies and instruments with a registered nurse circulator;

(19) cleaning and preparing instruments for sterilization upon completion of a surgical procedure;

(20) assisting the surgical team with cleaning of the operating room upon completion of a surgical procedure;

(21) assisting with transferring the patient to and positioning the patient on the operating table; and

(22) maintaining the highest standard of sterile technique, including identifying and correcting breaks in the sterile operating field.

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

the effective date of this act

Amend Bill, page 6, line 17, by inserting after "technology"

as the individual's primary function

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

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

(i) another health care facility;

(ii) another individual who is employed by or contracts with the health care facility to practice surgical technology; or

(iii) another individual who was formerly employed by or contracted with the health care facility to practice surgical technology.

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

(3)

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

six-month

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(c)

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

(b)

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

surgical technologist