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**Amendment Form**

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**Subtitle of House Bill No. 1142**

TO CREATE THE ARKANSAS SURGICAL TECHNOLOGISTS ACT.

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**Amendment No. 3 to House Bill No. 1142**

Amend House Bill No. 1142 as engrossed, H3/6/15 (version: 03/06/2015 11:48:53 AM):

Page 1, line 9, delete "CERTIFICATION" and substitute "REGISTRATION"

AND

Page 2, delete lines 11 through 36 and substitute the following:

"SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 17, Chapter 95, is amended to add an additional subchapter to read as follows:

Subchapter 9 – Surgical Technologists

17-95-901. Title.

This subchapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Arkansas Surgical Technologists Act".

17-95-902. Definitions.

As used in this subchapter:

(1) "Surgical technologist" means an individual who performs the skills and techniques of surgical technology under the direction and supervision of a supervising practitioner other than in the course of practicing as a licensed healthcare professional; and

(2) "Surgical technology" means surgical patient care that includes without limitation:

(A) Preparing an operating room and a sterile field for surgical procedures by ensuring that surgical equipment is assembled and functioning properly and safely;

(B) Preparing sterile supplies, instruments, and equipment using sterile technique; and

(C) Performing tasks in a sterile field, including:

(i) Maintaining asepsis and a sterile operating field;

(ii) Passing supplies, equipment, or instruments according to the needs of the surgical team;

(iii) Sponging or suctioning an operative site;

(iv) Preparing and cutting suture material;

(v) Providing irrigation solutions to the



supervising physician and irrigating an operative site;  
(vi) Providing drugs within the sterile field for  
administration by the supervising physician;  
(vii) Handling specimens;  
(viii) Holding retractors and other instruments;  
(ix) Applying electrocautery to clamps on blood  
vessels;  
(x) Connecting drains to a suction apparatus;  
(xi) Applying dressings to closed wounds; and  
(xii) Performing counts of supplies such as sponges,  
needles, and instruments with the registered nurse circulator.

17-95-903. Registration.

The Arkansas State Medical Board shall register as a surgical  
technologist an applicant who:

(1) Holds a current credential as a certified surgical  
technologist from the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical  
Assisting or its successor or a national organization approved by the  
Arkansas State Medical Board;

(2) Has successfully completed a surgical technologist training  
program during the person's service as a member of any branch of the United  
States Armed Forces; or

(3) Has been employed to practice as a surgical technologist at  
any time in the six (6) months before July 1, 2015, if the applicant  
registers on or before July 1, 2016.

17-95-904. Title protection.

A person shall not use or assume the title "registered surgical  
technologist" unless the person is registered with the Arkansas State Medical  
Board.

17-95-905. Rules.

The Arkansas State Medical Board may adopt and promulgate rules to  
implement this subchapter."

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Page 3, delete lines 1 through 36

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Page 6, delete lines 1 through 36

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Page 7, delete lines 1 through 24

The Amendment was read \_\_\_\_\_  
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