

**Hall of the House of Representatives**  
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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. 1 to House Bill No. 1142**

Amend House Bill No. 1142 as originally introduced:

Page 1, delete line 20 and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Legislative findings and intent.

(a) The General Assembly finds that:

(1) A surgical technologist is an individual who:

(A) Prepares the operating room, the sterile field, and the sterile supplies, instruments, and equipment for surgical procedures; and

(B) Performs various tasks in the sterile field which include handling specimens, providing irrigation solutions to the supervising physician, and irrigating the operative site;

(2) The practice of surgical technology is a separate and distinct healthcare profession that does not include the practice of surgical assisting as performed by physician assistants, surgical assistants, or first assistants;

(3) Employment of surgical technologists is expected to grow between 2006 and 2016 as the volume of surgeries increases with the aging population of the United States;

(4) Eight (8) surgical technology programs in Arkansas have received accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs, with an average of one hundred twenty (120) individuals graduating from these programs per year;

(5) The State of Arkansas does not have a registration, certification, or licensure procedure for surgical technologists; and

(6) It is the duty of the General Assembly to pursue efforts to improve healthy medical outcomes by ensuring professional competency and professional discipline over a growing healthcare profession.

(b) The intent of this act is to regulate individuals who practice surgical technology.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 17 is amended to add an additional"

AND

Page 2, line 6, delete "other healthcare" and substitute "other licensed healthcare"



AND

Page 3, line 15, delete "July 1, 2015" and substitute "January 1, 2016"

AND

Page 3, delete line 17 and substitute the following:

"application fee for the certification of a surgical technologist.

(c) A provisional certification may be granted to a person who receives credentials from the licensed hospital in which the person is to perform surgical technology on the condition that the person obtains full certification within one (1) year of the effective date of this subchapter."

AND

Page 4, delete line 7 and substitute the following:

"surgery;

(4)(A) The practice of surgical technology by a person brought from the office of a physician or across state lines to assist a physician who has experience working with the person.

(B) A person exempt under subdivision (3) of this section shall:

(i) Receive credentials from the licensed hospital where the person is to perform surgical technology; or

(ii) Obtain a provisional certification; or"

AND

Page 4, line 8, delete "(4)" and substitute "(5)"

AND

Page 4, line 24, delete "annually by:" and substitute "every four (4) years by:"

AND

Page 4, delete lines 27 through 28 and substitute the following:

"(2) Completing sixty (60) hours of continuing education approved by the board within the four (4) year certification period."

AND

Page 4, delete lines 35 and 36 and substitute the following:

"available to respond."

AND

Page 6, delete line 16 and substitute the following:

"necessary to implement this chapter."

17-108-110. Effective date.

This subchapter shall be effective on and after January 1, 2016."

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

By: Representative C. Douglas

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