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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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Senator Lynn moved the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Between lines 504 and 505  
insert:

Section 9. Paragraph (e) is added to subsection (2) of  
section 395.0191, Florida Statutes, to read:

395.0191 Staff membership and clinical privileges.—

(2)

(e) Each licensed facility shall establish policies and  
procedures for the employment of surgical technologists.

1. For purposes of this paragraph, "surgical technologist"  
means a person who assists and practices under the supervision  
of a surgeon to ensure that the operating room environment is



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14 safe, that proper equipment is available, and that the operative  
15 procedure is conducted efficiently, provided that nothing in  
16 this subparagraph alters or affects any other law related to the  
17 supervision of surgical technologists. Surgical technologist  
18 duties include, but are not limited to, maintaining sterility  
19 during a surgical procedure, handling and ensuring the  
20 availability of necessary equipment and supplies, and  
21 maintaining visibility of the operative site.

22 2. The licensed facility may consider for such employment  
23 only a person who:

24 a. Has successfully completed a surgical technologist  
25 training program accredited by the Accrediting Bureau of Health  
26 Education Schools or the Commission on Accreditation of Allied  
27 Health Education Programs; and

28 b. Holds certification as a surgical technologist from an  
29 organization recognized by the National Commission for  
30 Certifying Agencies. Such certification must be maintained  
31 throughout employment at the facility,

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33 unless the licensed facility continuously employs a person who  
34 is working as a surgical technologist on October 1, 2012, or  
35 uses a licensed practitioner subject to chapter 456 or a student  
36 as a surgical technologist, and such practitioner or student is  
37 appropriately trained and performs duties only within his or her  
38 scope of practice.

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40 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

41 And the title is amended as follows:

42 Delete line 45



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43 and insert:  
44 inspection; amending s. 395.0191, F.S.; requiring  
45 licensed facilities to establish policies and  
46 procedures for the employment of surgical  
47 technologists; providing a definition; providing  
48 educational and credentialing requirements; providing  
49 exceptions; amending s. 395.0193, F.S.; requiring a