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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Health Regulation (Jones) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Paragraph (e) is added to subsection (2) of section 395.0191, Florida Statutes, to read:

(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 safe, that proper equipment is available, and that the operative



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13 procedure is conducted efficiently. Surgical technologist duties  
14 include, but are not limited to, maintaining sterility during a  
15 surgical procedure, handling and ensuring the availability of  
16 necessary equipment and supplies, and maintaining visibility of  
17 the operative site.

18 2. The licensed facility may consider for such employment  
19 only a person who:

20 a. Has successfully completed a surgical technologist  
21 training program accredited by the Accrediting Bureau of Health  
22 Education Schools or the Commission on Accreditation of Allied  
23 Health Education Programs; and

24 b. Holds certification as a surgical technologist from an  
25 organization recognized by the National Commission for  
26 Certifying Agencies. Such certification must be maintained  
27 throughout employment at the facility;

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29 unless the licensed facility continuously employs a person who  
30 is working as a surgical technologist on October 1, 2012; or  
31 uses a licensed practitioner subject to ch. 456 or a student as  
32 a surgical technologist, and such practitioner or student is  
33 appropriately trained and only performs duties within his or her  
34 scope of practice.

35 Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2012.

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38 And the title is amended as follows:

39 Delete everything before the enacting clause  
40 and insert:

41 A bill to be entitled



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42 An act relating to surgical technology; amending s.  
43 395.0191, F.S.; requiring licensed facilities to  
44 establish policies and procedures for the employment  
45 of surgical technologists; providing a definition;  
46 providing educational and credentialing requirements;  
47 providing exceptions; providing an effective date.