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Senator Garcia moved the following:

Senate Amendment

Delete lines 40 - 67

and insert:

(d) "Surgical assistant" means a person who provides aid in exposure, hemostasis, closures, and other intraoperative technical functions and who assists the surgeon in performing a safe operation with optimal results for the patient.

(e) "Surgical technologist" means a person whose duties include, but are not limited to, maintaining sterility during a surgical procedure, handling and ensuring the availability of



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12 necessary equipment and supplies, and maintaining visibility of
13 the operative site to ensure that the operating room environment
14 is safe, that proper equipment is available, and that the
15 operative procedure is conducted efficiently.

16 (12) (a) A facility may not employ or contract with any
17 person to perform the duties of a surgical assistant unless the
18 person is a certified surgical assistant.

19 (b) A facility may not employ or contract with any person
20 to perform the duties of a surgical technologist unless the
21 person is a certified surgical technologist.

22 (c) Paragraphs (a) and (b) do not apply to:

23 1. A person who has completed an appropriate training
24 program for surgical technology in any branch of the Armed
25 Forces or reserve component of the Armed Forces.

26 2. A person who was employed or contracted to perform the
27 duties of a surgical technologist or surgical assistant at any
28 time before July 1, 2014.

29 3. A health care practitioner as defined in s. 456.001 or a
30 student if the duties performed by the practitioner or the
31 student are within the scope of the practitioner's or the
32 student's training and practice.

33 4. A person enrolled in a surgical technology or surgical