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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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Senator Garcia moved the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Before line 19

insert:

Section 1. Section 383.336, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 2. Present subsections (1) through (10) of section 395.0191, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (2) through (11), respectively, and new subsections (1) and (12) are added to that section, to read:

395.0191 Staff membership and clinical privileges.—

(1) As used in this section, the term:



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12 (a) "Certified surgical assistant" means a surgical
13 assistant who maintains a valid and active certification under
14 one of the following designations: certified surgical first
15 assistant, from the National Board of Surgical Technology and
16 Surgical Assisting; certified surgical assistant, from the
17 National Surgical Assistant Association; surgical assistant-
18 certified, from the American Board of Surgical Assistants.

19 (b) "Certified surgical technologist" means a surgical
20 technologist who maintains a valid and active certification as a
21 certified surgical technologist from the National Board of
22 Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting.

23 (c) "Surgeon" means a health care practitioner as defined
24 in s. 456.001 whose scope of practice includes performing
25 surgery and who is listed as the primary surgeon in the
26 operative record.

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

31 (e) "Surgical technologist" means a person whose duties
32 include, but are not limited to, maintaining sterility during a
33 surgical procedure, handling and ensuring the availability of
34 necessary equipment and supplies, and maintaining visibility of
35 the operative site to ensure that the operating room environment
36 is safe, that proper equipment is available, and that the
37 operative procedure is conducted efficiently.

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



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41 contract with any person to perform the duties of a surgical
42 technologist unless the person is a certified surgical
43 technologist. The requirements of this subsection do not apply
44 to the following

45 (a) A person who has completed an appropriate training
46 program for surgical technology in any branch of the Armed
47 Forces or reserve component of the Armed Forces.

48 (b) A person who was employed or contracted to perform the
49 duties of a surgical technologist or surgical assistant at any
50 time before July 1, 2014.

51 (c) A health care practitioner as defined in s. 456.001 or
52 a student if the duties performed by the practitioner or the
53 student are within the scope of the practitioner's or the
54 student's training and practice.

55 (d) A person enrolled in a surgical technology or surgical
56 assisting training program accredited by the Commission on
57 Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs, the
58 Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools, or another
59 accrediting body recognized by the United States Department of
60 Education on July 1, 2014. A person may practice as a surgical
61 technologist or a surgical assistant for 1 year after completion
62 of such a training program before he or she is required to meet
63 the criteria in paragraph (a) or paragraph (b).

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68 And the title is amended as follows:

69 Delete line 3



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70 and insert:

71 facilities and services; repealing s. 383.336, F.S.;

72 amending s. 395.0191, F.S.; defining terms; requiring

73 certifications; providing exceptions to certification

74 requirement; amending s. 400.474, F.S.;