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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT CONCERNING PERSONS WHO DECONTAMINATE MEDICAL INSTRUMENTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2013*) (a) As used in this
2 section:

3 (1) "Central service technician" means a person who (A)
4 decontaminates, prepares, packages, sterilizes, stores and distributes
5 reusable medical instruments or devices in a health care facility,
6 whether such person is employed by the health care facility or
7 provides services pursuant to a contract with the health care facility,
8 and (B) is not a health care provider acting within the health care
9 provider's scope of practice or a student or intern performing such
10 functions under the direct supervision of a health care provider as part
11 of the student's or intern's training or internship.

12 (2) "Health care facility" means an outpatient surgical facility, as
13 defined in section 19a-493b of the general statutes, a short-term acute
14 care general or children's hospital or a facility that provides outpatient

15 surgical services as part of the outpatient surgery department of a
16 short-term acute care hospital.

17 (3) "Health care provider" means any person or organization that
18 provides health care services and is licensed in accordance with title 20
19 of the general statutes.

20 (b) No person shall engage in the practice of a central service
21 technician unless the person is certified by the International
22 Association of Healthcare Central Service Materiel Management or the
23 Certification Board for Sterile Processing and Distribution, Inc. or is
24 certified or otherwise recognized by another professional organization
25 that is deemed acceptable by the Commissioner of Public Health. Any
26 person who has worked as a central service technician on or after
27 October 1, 2011, may engage in the practice of a central service
28 technician provided, not later than eighteen months after the date such
29 person commenced work as a central service technician, such person
30 meets the certification or recognition requirements of this subsection.

31 (c) No health care facility shall employ or contract for the services of
32 a central service technician unless such person meets the requirements
33 of subsection (b) of this section. Any health care facility that employs
34 or contracts for the services of a central service technician on October 1,
35 2013, shall notify, in writing, such central service technician of his or
36 her status as a central service technician.

37 (d) (1) Each central service technician shall complete a minimum of
38 ten hours of continuing education annually. The continuing education
39 shall be in areas related to the functions of a central service technician.
40 A central service technician may request, in writing, an extension to
41 complete such continuing education requirements from the
42 International Association of Central Service Materiel Management or
43 Certification Board for Sterile Processing and Distribution, Inc. Said
44 association or board may grant a central service technician described in
45 subdivision (1) of subsection (b) of this section an extension to

46 complete such continuing education requirements. A health care
47 facility may grant a central service technician an extension to complete
48 the continuing education requirements. (2) A request for an extension
49 to complete the continuing education requirements under this
50 subsection shall be granted for good cause, including, but not limited
51 to, the medical disability or illness of a central service technician that
52 requires an extended leave of absence from the central service
53 technician's work or a central service technician's call to active service
54 in the armed forces for specified military or emergency operations or
55 actions. Any central service technician who is granted an extension to
56 complete the continuing education requirements because of medical
57 disability or illness, shall complete such requirements not later than
58 ninety days after the medical disability or illness preventing
59 completion of the continuing education requirement has been
60 resolved. Any central service technician who is granted an extension to
61 complete the continuing education requirements because of a call to
62 active service in the armed forces, shall complete such requirements
63 not later than ninety days after the central service technician's return to
64 work from active duty.

65 (e) A health care facility shall, upon the request of a central service
66 technician, verify, in writing, the central service technician's dates of
67 employment or the contract period during which the central service
68 technician provided services to the health care facility.

69 (f) The Commissioner of Public Health shall enforce the provisions
70 of this section.

71 (g) The Commissioner of Public Health may adopt regulations, in
72 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to
73 implement the provisions of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2013</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To require certification and continuing education for central service technicians.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]