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Introduced by:
(GL)

***AN ACT CONCERNING PERSONS WHO DECONTAMINATE
REUSABLE MEDICAL INSTRUMENTS OR DEVICES.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2014*) (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, or a hospital, as
14 defined in section 19a-490 of the general statutes.

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

18 (b) (1) No person shall engage in the practice of a central service
19 technician unless the person is certified by the International
20 Association of Healthcare Central Service Materiel Management or the
21 Certification Board for Sterile Processing and Distribution, Inc. or is
22 certified or otherwise recognized by another professional organization
23 that is deemed acceptable by the Commissioner of Public Health
24 pursuant to regulations adopted under subsection (g) of this section.

25 (2) Any person who has performed the functions of a central service
26 technician prior to October 1, 2014, may engage in the practice of a
27 central service technician on and after October 1, 2014, provided, not
28 later than April 1, 2016, such person meets the certification or
29 recognition requirements of this subsection.

30 (c) No health care facility shall employ or contract for the services of
31 a central service technician unless such person meets the requirements
32 of subsection (b) of this section. Any health care facility that employs
33 or contracts for the services of a central service technician on October 1,
34 2014, shall provide written notice to such central service technician of
35 his or her status as a central service technician.

36 (d) (1) Each central service technician shall complete a minimum of
37 ten hours of continuing education annually. The continuing education
38 shall be in areas related to the functions of a central service technician.
39 A central service technician may request, in writing, an extension of
40 time to complete such continuing education requirements from the
41 International Association of Central Service Materiel Management or
42 Certification Board for Sterile Processing and Distribution, Inc. Said
43 association or board may grant a central service technician described in
44 subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of this section an extension of time to
45 complete such continuing education requirements. A health care

46 facility may grant a central service technician an extension of time to
47 complete the continuing education requirements.

48 (2) A request for an extension of time to complete the continuing
49 education requirements under this subsection shall be granted for
50 good cause, including, but not limited to, the medical disability or
51 illness of a central service technician that requires an extended leave of
52 absence from the central service technician's work or a central service
53 technician's active service in the armed forces, as defined in subsection
54 (a) of section 27-103 of the general statutes. Any central service
55 technician who is granted an extension of time to complete the
56 continuing education requirements because of a medical disability or
57 illness shall complete such continuing education requirements not later
58 than ninety days after the medical disability or illness that prevented
59 completion of the continuing education requirement has been
60 resolved. Any central service technician who is granted an extension of
61 time to complete the continuing education requirements because of
62 active service in the armed forces shall complete such requirements not
63 later than ninety days after the central service technician's return to
64 work from such active service.

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	October 1, 2014	New section
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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.]