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**Committee Bill No. 5913**

LCO No. 5244



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:  
(PH)

**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 January 1, 2016*) (a) As used in this  
2 section:

3 (1) "Central service technician" means a person who  
4 decontaminates, inspects, assembles, packages and sterilizes reusable  
5 medical instruments or devices in a health care facility, whether such  
6 person is employed by the health care facility or provides services  
7 pursuant to a contract with the health care facility;

8 (2) "Health care facility" means an outpatient surgical facility, as  
9 defined in section 19a-493b of the general statutes, or a hospital, as  
10 defined in section 19a-490b of the general statutes, but does not include  
11 a chronic disease hospital as defined by section 19a-550 of the general  
12 statutes;

13 (3) "Health care provider" means a person or organization that  
14 provides health care services and is licensed in accordance with title 20

15 of the general statutes; and

16 (4) "Central service department" means a department within a  
17 health care facility that processes, issues, and controls medical  
18 supplies, devices, and equipment, both sterile and nonsterile, for  
19 patient care areas of a health care facility.

20 (b) Unless otherwise permitted pursuant to this section, no person  
21 may practice as a central service technician unless such person  
22 demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of Public Health  
23 that such person (1) has successfully passed a nationally accredited  
24 central service exam for central service technicians, and (2) holds and  
25 maintains one of the following credentials: (A) A certified registered  
26 central service technician credential administered by the International  
27 Association of Healthcare Central Service Materiel Management, (B) a  
28 certified sterile processing and distribution technician credential  
29 administered by the Certification Board for Sterile Processing and  
30 Distribution, Inc., or (C) a substantially equivalent credential, or (3)  
31 was employed or otherwise contracted for services as a central service  
32 technician in a health care facility before January 1, 2016.

33 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of this section,  
34 a person who is hired or contracts for services as a central service  
35 technician in a health care facility, but does not otherwise meet the  
36 requirements of subsection (b) of this section, may perform the  
37 functions of a central service technician, provided he or she (1) obtains  
38 a certified registered central service technician credential administered  
39 by the International Association of Healthcare Central Service Materiel  
40 Management or a certified sterile processing and distribution  
41 technician credential administered by the Certification Board of Sterile  
42 Processing and Distribution, Inc., and (2) submits documentation  
43 evidencing such credential to the Department of Public Health, not  
44 later than two years after such person's date of hire or contracting for  
45 services with the health care facility.

46 (d) A central service technician shall complete a minimum of ten

47 hours of continuing education annually and, upon completion, submit  
48 documentation evidencing such completion to the Department of  
49 Public Health. The continuing education shall be in areas related to the  
50 functions of a central service technician.

51 (e) A health care facility shall, upon the written request of a central  
52 service technician, verify, in writing, the central service technician's  
53 dates of employment or the contract period during which the central  
54 service technician provided services to the health care facility.

55 (f) Nothing in this section shall prohibit the following persons from  
56 performing the tasks or functions of a central service technician: (1) A  
57 health care provider, (2) a student or intern performing the functions  
58 of a central service technician under the direct supervision of a health  
59 care provider as part of the student's or intern's training or internship,  
60 or (3) a person who does not work in a central service department in a  
61 health care facility, but who has been specially trained and determined  
62 competent, based on standards set by a health care facility's infection  
63 prevention or control committee, acting in consultation with a central  
64 service technician certified in accordance with subsection (b) of this  
65 section, to decontaminate or sterilize reusable medical equipment,  
66 instruments or devices, in a manner that meets applicable  
67 manufacturer's instructions and standards.

68 (g) A health care facility shall retain a list of persons determined  
69 competent under subsection (f) of this section. Such list shall include  
70 job titles for such persons. A person determined competent pursuant  
71 to subsection (f) of this section shall annually complete a minimum of  
72 ten hours of continuing education in areas related to infection control  
73 and the decontamination and sterilization of reusable medical  
74 equipment, instruments and devices and submit documentation  
75 evidencing the completion of such continuing education to the  
76 Department of Public Health.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	January 1, 2016	New section
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**Statement of Purpose:**

To establish parameters for the decontamination of reusable medical instruments or devices.

*[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.]*

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