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

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2016*) (a) As used in this
4 section:

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

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

14 statutes;

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

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

22 (b) Unless otherwise permitted pursuant to this section, no person
23 may practice as a central service technician unless such person (1) (A)
24 has successfully passed a nationally accredited central service exam for
25 central service technicians and holds and maintains one of the
26 following credentials: (i) A certified registered central service
27 technician credential administered by the International Association of
28 Healthcare Central Service Materiel Management, (ii) a certified sterile
29 processing and distribution technician credential administered by the
30 Certification Board for Sterile Processing and Distribution, Inc., or (iii)
31 a substantially equivalent credential, or (B) was employed or otherwise
32 contracted for services as a central service technician in a health care
33 facility before January 1, 2016, or (2) obtains a certified registered
34 central service technician credential administered by the International
35 Association of Healthcare Central Service Materiel Management or a
36 certified sterile processing and distribution technician credential
37 administered by the Certification Board for Sterile Processing and
38 Distribution, Inc., not later than two years after such person's date of
39 hire or contracting for services with the health care facility.

40 (c) A central service technician shall complete a minimum of ten
41 hours of continuing education annually. The continuing education
42 shall be in areas related to the functions of a central service technician.

43 (d) A health care facility shall, upon the written request of a central
44 service technician, verify, in writing, the central service technician's

45 dates of employment or the contract period during which the central
46 service technician provided services to the health care facility.

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

60 (f) A health care facility shall retain a list of persons determined
61 competent under subsection (e) of this section. Such list shall include
62 job titles for such persons. A person determined competent pursuant
63 to subsection (e) of this section shall annually complete a minimum of
64 ten hours of continuing education in areas related to infection control
65 and the decontamination and sterilization of reusable medical
66 equipment, instruments and devices.

67 (g) Any health care facility that employs or contracts with a central
68 service technician shall submit to the Department of Public Health,
69 upon request, including, but not, during an inspection performed
70 pursuant to section 19a-496 of the general statutes, documentation
71 demonstrating that such central service technician is in compliance
72 with the requirements set forth in this section.

73 (h) Any person who holds himself or herself out as or provides
74 services as a central service technician in violation of the provisions of
75 this section shall have committed an infraction."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>January 1, 2016</i>	New section