

SENATE 1069

AN ACT REGULATING SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY

(summary reflects new draft – Senate 2058)

SPONSOR:

Senator Brewer

LEGISLATIVE

HISTORY:

1/19/2011 Bill Filed.
1/24/2011 Referred to Joint Committee on Public Health.
1/24/2011 House concurred.
7/20/2011 Senate Bill reported favorably by committee and referred to the committee on Healthcare Financing
8/8/2011 Senate Committee recommended ought to pass and referred to the committee on Senate Ways and Means

EXISTING LAWS

AFFECTED:

G.L. c. 111

PROPOSED

LEGISLATION:

- Adds a new section to the General Laws defining surgical technology and describing the tasks which a surgical technologist may perform under the supervision of an operating room nurse.
- Prohibits surgical facilities from employing any person to perform surgical technology tasks unless:
 - The person has completed an accredited educational program for surgical technology and holds specific nationally-recognized credentials;
 - The person has completed an accredited educational program for surgical technology and receives proper credentials within 12 months of their graduation date;
 - The person was employed as a surgical technologist as of July 1, 2012;
 - The person successfully completed an appropriate training program in the United States military or the United States Public Health Service; or
 - The person is acting in the service of the federal government and is acting in the performance of their official duties.
- Permits nurses, physicians and other health care providers to perform surgical technology tasks consistent with the scope of their license.
- Charges the Department of Public Health with enforcing this section.

AGENCY

COMMENTS:

Redraft includes technical changes recommended by DPH.

ESTIMATED

COST:

\$50,000 first year; \$25,000 each year thereafter

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