

1-1 By: Carona S.B. No. 769
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1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 769 By: Carona

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to the licensing and regulation of surgical assistants.
1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
1-12 SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 206.210, Occupations
1-13 Code, is amended to read as follows:
1-14 (a) A surgical assistant license expires on the second
1-15 anniversary of the date of issuance. The medical board by rule
1-16 shall provide for the [~~annual~~] renewal of a surgical assistant
1-17 license.
1-18 SECTION 2. Subchapter F, Chapter 206, Occupations Code, is
1-19 amended by adding Section 206.2525 to read as follows:
1-20 Sec. 206.2525. REIMBURSEMENT FOR SERVICES. (a) This
1-21 chapter does not limit the way in which a surgical assistant
1-22 licensed under this chapter may be reimbursed for services.
1-23 (b) A surgical assistant licensed under this chapter may
1-24 directly bill a patient or third-party payor for services provided
1-25 by the surgical assistant.
1-26 SECTION 3. (a) This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.
1-27 (b) Subsection (a), Section 206.210, Occupations Code, as
1-28 amended by this Act, applies only to the expiration of an original
1-29 or renewal license that is issued on or after the effective date of
1-30 this Act.

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