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H.B. No. 2418

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to continuing education requirements for noncertified surgical technologists.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. The heading to Section 259.002, Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 259.002. REQUIREMENTS FOR PRACTICING SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY; CONTINUING EDUCATION.

SECTION 2. Section 259.002, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(d) A person employed by a health care facility to practice surgical technology under Subsection (a)(2) or (3) or Subsection (c) shall complete fifteen hours of continuing education each year and submit evidence of the satisfactory completion of the continuing education to the facility. The facility may not continue to employ the person if the person does not complete the continuing education required by this subsection.

SECTION 3. Notwithstanding Section 259.002(d), Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act, a person employed by a health care facility to practice surgical technology is not required to complete the continuing education before September 1, 2018.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.