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S.B. No. 1513

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to continuing education requirements for noncertified
3 surgical technologists.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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