

AN ACT

relating to continuing education requirements for 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 Subsections (d), (e), and (f) to read as follows:

(d) A person employed by a health care facility to practice surgical technology under Subsection (a)(1) shall complete the number of hours of continuing education required to maintain certification by the organization that issued the surgical technologist certification to the person. On the facility's request, the person shall submit to the facility evidence of completion of the continuing education.

(e) A person employed by a health care facility to practice surgical technology under Subsection (a)(2) or (3) or Subsection (c) shall complete every two years 30 hours of continuing education related to surgical technology. On the facility's request, the person shall submit to the facility evidence of completion of the continuing education.

(f) A health care facility may restrict the ability of a

1 person employed by the facility to practice surgical technology in
2 the facility if the person fails to complete the continuing
3 education required by Subsection (d) or (e).

4 SECTION 3. Notwithstanding Sections 259.002(d) and (e),
5 Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act, a person employed by a
6 health care facility to practice surgical technology is not
7 required to complete the continuing education before September 1,
8 2020.

9 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

S.B. No. 1239

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1239 passed the Senate on May 3, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1239 passed the House on May 17, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 133, Nays 14, two present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor