

1-1 By: Johnson S.B. No. 1239  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 27, 2019; March 7, 2019,  
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 1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0;  
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1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	X			
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1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1239 By: Johnson

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to continuing education requirements for surgical  
 1-22 technologists.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. The heading to Section 259.002, Health and  
 1-25 Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-26 Sec. 259.002. REQUIREMENTS FOR PRACTICING SURGICAL  
 1-27 TECHNOLOGY; CONTINUING EDUCATION.

1-28 SECTION 2. Section 259.002, Health and Safety Code, is  
 1-29 amended by adding Subsections (d), (e), and (f) to read as follows:

1-30 (d) A person employed by a health care facility to practice  
 1-31 surgical technology under Subsection (a)(1) shall complete the  
 1-32 number of hours of continuing education required to maintain  
 1-33 certification by the organization that issued the surgical  
 1-34 technologist certification to the person. On the facility's  
 1-35 request, the person shall submit to the facility evidence of  
 1-36 completion of the continuing education.

1-37 (e) A person employed by a health care facility to practice  
 1-38 surgical technology under Subsection (a)(2) or (3) or Subsection  
 1-39 (c) shall complete every two years 30 hours of continuing education  
 1-40 related to surgical technology. On the facility's request, the  
 1-41 person shall submit to the facility evidence of completion of the  
 1-42 continuing education.

1-43 (f) A health care facility may restrict the ability of a  
 1-44 person employed by the facility to practice surgical technology in  
 1-45 the facility if the person fails to complete the continuing  
 1-46 education required by Subsection (d) or (e).

1-47 SECTION 3. Notwithstanding Sections 259.002(d) and (e),  
 1-48 Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act, a person employed by a  
 1-49 health care facility to practice surgical technology is not  
 1-50 required to complete the continuing education before September 1,  
 1-51 2020.

1-52 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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