

HB 1278 -- Registered Surgical Technologists and Assistants

Sponsor: May

This bill establishes the Registered Surgical Assistant and Registered Surgical Technologist Title Protection Act. The bill:

(1) Requires persons wishing to practice as registered surgical assistants or registered surgical technologists to be registered with the State Board of Registration for the Healing Arts;

(2) Requires registered surgical assistants to be certified by either the National Surgical Assistant Association on the Certification of Surgical Assistants, the Liaison Council on Certification for the Surgical Technologist as a certified first assistant, or the American Board of Surgical Assisting. Applicants for registered surgical technologists are to be certified by the Liaison Council on Certification for the Surgical Technologist or complete an accredited surgical technologist program approved by the board;

(3) Requires all registered surgical technologists and registered surgical assistants to practice under the direct supervision of a licensed physician, dentist, or podiatrist;

(4) Makes it unlawful for any person to hold themselves out as a registered surgical technologist or registered surgical assistant without first being duly registered with the board;

(5) Exempts certain licensed health care professionals from registration;

(6) Authorizes the board to promulgate rules; set fees; and refuse to issue, suspend, or revoke registrations for violations specified in the bill; and

(7) Creates within the state treasury the Registered Surgical Assistant and Registered Surgical Technologist Fund.

The bill becomes effective July 1, 2007.