
BILL REQUEST - CODE REVISER'S OFFICE

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ATTY/TYPIST: AA:akl

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: Concerning the registration and professional education of surgical technologists.

1 AN ACT Relating to surgical technologists; amending RCW
2 18.215.005; adding new sections to chapter 18.215 RCW; and providing
3 an effective date.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.215.005 and 1999 c 335 s 1 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 The registration and professional education of surgical
8 technologists is in the interest of the public health, safety, and
9 welfare.

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 18.215
11 RCW to read as follows:

12 An applicant shall submit evidence of any one of the following to
13 the department in a manner acceptable to the secretary:

14 (1) Successful completion of a nationally and programmatically
15 accredited surgical technology program;

16 (2) Successful completion of a surgical technology program
17 offered by the United States armed forces; or

18 (3) Practice as a surgical technologist for a period of one year
19 in the five years immediately preceding January 1, 2016.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 18.215
2 RCW to read as follows:

3 A person who does not meet the requirements of this chapter may
4 practice as a registered surgical technologist in a health care
5 facility if the health care facility is unable to employ a sufficient
6 number of persons who meet the requirements of this chapter after a
7 reasonable effort has been made.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 18.215
9 RCW to read as follows:

10 The department of health may adopt rules necessary to implement
11 this act.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** Sections 1 through 3 of this act take
13 effect January 1, 2016.

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