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CENTRAL SERVICE TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATION BILL

An Act relating to persons functioning as central service technicians
in certain health care facilities.

SECTION 1. For the purposes of this section, the terms:

- (a) “Central Service Technician” shall mean any person who decontaminates, inspects, assembles, packages, and sterilizes reusable medical instruments or devices in a health care facility.
- (b) Health care practitioner” shall mean _____.
- (c) “Health care facility” shall mean _____.

Section 2. A health care facility shall not employ or otherwise retain the services of a central service technician unless such person:

- (a) Has successfully passed a nationally accredited central service exam for central service technicians; and holds and maintains one of the following credentials administered by a nationally accredited central service technician credentialing organization: the certified registered central service technician credential, the certified sterile processing and distribution technician credential or a substantially equivalent credential; or
- (b) Provides evidence that the person was employed as a central service technician in a health care facility on or before _____.

Section 3. A central service technician who does not meet the requirements of paragraph (2)(a) or (b) of this section shall have eighteen months from the date of hire to obtain the certified registered central service technician credential or the certified sterile processing and distribution technician.

Section. 4. A person who qualifies to function as a central service technician in a health care facility under paragraphs (2)(a) and (b) of this section must annually complete ten hours of continuing education credits to remain qualified to function as a central service technician.

Section. 5. Nothing in this section shall prohibit any health care practitioner from performing central service technicians’ tasks or functions if the person is acting within the scope of his or her practice.

Section 6. The commissioner of the department of health shall adopt regulations necessary to carry out this act.

Section 7. This act shall take effect _____.