



State of Tennessee
PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 391

SENATE BILL NO. 623

By Norris

Substituted for: House Bill No. 615

By Shipley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 57, Part 1, relative to surgical technologists.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-57-101(a), is amended by deleting subdivision 1 in its entirety and by substituting instead the following new language:

(1) Hold current national certification established by the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (NBSTSA);

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-57-101(a), is further amended by deleting subdivision (4) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following new language:

(4) Successfully complete the surgical technologists NBSTSA certifying exam.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-57-101, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection:

(c) Persons qualified to be employed as a surgical technologist pursuant to subsection (a) shall complete fifteen (15) hours of continuing education or contact hours annually to remain qualified for employment and shall submit verification of having completed such continuing education or contact hours requirements to their employers. The submission of current certification by the NBSTSA shall satisfy the requirements of this subsection (c).

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-57-102, is amended by adding the following language at the end of subsection (a):

Persons qualified to be employed as surgical technologists pursuant to this subsection shall complete fifteen (15) hours of continuing education or contact hours annually to remain qualified for employment and shall submit verification of having completed such continuing education or contact hours requirements to their employers. The submission of current certification by the NBSTSA shall satisfy this requirement.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-57-101, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection (c):

(c) The provisions in this section and § 68-57-102 shall not constitute a requirement to be assessed during any inspection under chapter 11, part 2 of this title.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: April 17, 2013



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 14th day of May 2013



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR