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**"AN ACT CONCERNING PERSONS WHO DECONTAMINATE REUSABLE MEDICAL INSTRUMENTS OR DEVICES."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2015*) (a) As used in this  
4 section:

5 (1) "Central service technician" means a person who  
6 decontaminates, inspects, assembles, packages and sterilizes reusable  
7 medical instruments or devices in a health care facility, whether such  
8 person is employed by the health care facility or provides services  
9 pursuant to a contract with the health care facility, and who (A) has  
10 successfully passed a nationally accredited central service exam for  
11 central service technicians, and (B) holds and maintains one of the  
12 following credentials: (i) A certified registered central service  
13 technician credential administered by the International Association of  
14 Healthcare Central Service Materiel Management, (ii) a certified sterile  
15 processing and distribution technician credential administered by the

16 Certification Board for Sterile Processing and Distribution, Inc., or (iii)  
17 a substantially equivalent credential, or (C) was employed or  
18 otherwise contracted for services as a central service technician in a  
19 health care facility before January 1, 2015;

20 (2) "Health care facility" means an outpatient surgical facility, as  
21 defined in section 19a-493b of the general statutes, or a hospital, as  
22 defined in section 19a-490 of the general statutes, but does not include  
23 a chronic disease hospital as defined by section 19a-550 of the general  
24 statutes;

25 (3) "Health care provider" means a person or organization that  
26 provides health care services and is licensed in accordance with title 20  
27 of the general statutes; and

28 (4) "Central service department" means a department within a  
29 health care facility that processes, issues, and controls medical  
30 supplies, devices, and equipment, both sterile and nonsterile, for  
31 patient care areas of a health care facility.

32 (b) Unless otherwise permitted pursuant to this section, no person  
33 shall practice as a central service technician unless such person meets  
34 the requirements detailed in subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this  
35 section.

36 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of this section,  
37 a person who was employed or otherwise contracted for services as a  
38 central service technician in a health care facility before January 1,  
39 2015, but does not otherwise meet the requirements detailed in  
40 subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section may perform the  
41 functions of a central service technician, provided he or she obtains a  
42 certified registered central service technician credential administered  
43 by the International Association of Healthcare Central Service Materiel  
44 Management or a certified sterile processing and distribution  
45 technician credential administered by the Certification Board of Sterile  
46 Processing and Distribution, Inc. not later than January 1, 2017.

47 (d) A central service technician shall complete a minimum of ten  
48 hours of continuing education annually. The continuing education  
49 shall be in areas related to the functions of a central service technician.

50 (e) A health care facility shall, upon the written request of a central  
51 service technician, verify, in writing, the central service technician's  
52 dates of employment or the contract period during which the central  
53 service technician provided services to the health care facility.

54 (f) Nothing in this section shall prohibit the following persons from  
55 performing the tasks or functions of a central service technician: (1) A  
56 health care provider, (2) a student or intern performing the functions  
57 of a central service technician under the direct supervision of a health  
58 care provider as part of the student's or intern's training or internship,  
59 or (3) a person who does not work in a central service department in a  
60 health care facility and has been specially trained and determined  
61 competent, based on standards set by a health care facility's infection  
62 prevention or control committee, acting in consultation with a central  
63 service technician, to decontaminate or sterilize reusable medical  
64 equipment, instruments or devices, in a manner that meets applicable  
65 manufacturer's instructions and standards.

66 (g) A health care facility shall retain a list of persons determined  
67 competent under subsection (f) of this section. Such list shall include  
68 job titles for such persons. A person determined competent pursuant  
69 to subsection (f) of this section shall annually complete a minimum of  
70 ten hours of continuing education in areas related to infection control  
71 and the decontamination and sterilization of reusable medical  
72 equipment, instruments and devices."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	January 1, 2015	New section