



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5913

January Session, 2015



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

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2016*) (a) As used in this
2 section:

3 (1) "Central service technician" means a person who
4 decontaminates, inspects, assembles, packages and sterilizes reusable
5 medical instruments or devices in a health care facility, whether such
6 person is employed by the health care facility or provides services
7 pursuant to a contract with the health care facility;

8 (2) "Health care facility" means an outpatient surgical facility, as
9 defined in section 19a-493b of the general statutes, or a hospital, as
10 defined in section 19a-490 of the general statutes, but does not include
11 a chronic disease hospital, as defined in section 19a-550 of the general
12 statutes;

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

16 (4) "Central service department" means a department within a
17 health care facility that processes, issues, and controls medical
18 supplies, devices, and equipment, both sterile and nonsterile, for
19 patient care areas of a health care facility.

20 (b) Unless otherwise permitted pursuant to this section, no person
21 may practice as a central service technician unless such person
22 demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of Public Health
23 that such person (1) has successfully passed a nationally accredited
24 central service exam for central service technicians and holds and
25 maintains one of the following credentials: (A) A certified registered
26 central service technician credential administered by the International
27 Association of Healthcare Central Service Materiel Management, (B) a
28 certified sterile processing and distribution technician credential
29 administered by the Certification Board for Sterile Processing and
30 Distribution, Inc., or (C) a substantially equivalent credential, or (2)
31 was employed or otherwise contracted for services as a central service
32 technician in a health care facility before January 1, 2016.

33 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of this section,
34 a person who is hired or contracts for services as a central service
35 technician in a health care facility, but does not otherwise meet the
36 requirements of subsection (b) of this section, may perform the
37 functions of a central service technician, provided he or she (1) obtains
38 a certified registered central service technician credential administered
39 by the International Association of Healthcare Central Service Materiel
40 Management or a certified sterile processing and distribution
41 technician credential administered by the Certification Board for
42 Sterile Processing and Distribution, Inc., and (2) submits
43 documentation evidencing such credential to the Department of Public
44 Health, not later than two years after such person's date of hire or
45 contracting for services with the health care facility.

46 (d) A central service technician shall complete a minimum of ten
47 hours of continuing education annually and, upon completion, submit
48 documentation evidencing such completion to the Department of
49 Public Health. The continuing education shall be in areas related to the
50 functions of a central service technician.

51 (e) A health care facility shall, upon the written request of a central
52 service technician, verify, in writing, the central service technician's

53 dates of employment or the contract period during which the central
54 service technician provided services to the health care facility.

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

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

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	January 1, 2016	New section

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