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SENATE . . . . . No. 1155

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Anne M. Gobi

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act regulating central service technicians.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Anne M. Gobi	*Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex*
Gailanne M. Cariddi	*1st Berkshire*
William N. Brownsberger	*Second Suffolk and Middlesex*
Sal N. DiDomenico	*Middlesex and Suffolk*
Benjamin B. Downing	*Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden*
Michael O. Moore	*Second Worcester*
Michael F. Rush	*Norfolk and Suffolk*
Michael J. Rodrigues	*First Bristol and Plymouth*
Jennifer L. Flanagan	*Worcester and Middlesex*
Jason M. Lewis	*Fifth Middlesex*
Barbara A. L'Italien	*Second Essex and Middlesex*
Viriato M. deMacedo	*Plymouth and Barnstable*
Patricia A. Haddad	*5th Bristol*
David Paul Linsky	*5th Middlesex*
Robert M. Koczera	*11th Bristol*
Peter V. Kocot	*1st Hampshire*

Colleen M. Garry	*36th Middlesex*
John V. Fernandes	*10th Worcester*
Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.	*12th Hampden*
James R. Miceli	*19th Middlesex*
Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr.	*28th Middlesex*
Marjorie C. Decker	*25th Middlesex*
Edward F. Coppinger	*10th Suffolk*
Claire D. Cronin	*11th Plymouth*
Eileen M. Donoghue	*First Middlesex*
Kimberly N. Ferguson	*1st Worcester*
Kay Khan	*11th Middlesex*
Denise Provost	*27th Middlesex*
Todd M. Smola	*1st Hampden*
Benjamin Swan	*11th Hampden*
Paul McMurtry	*11th Norfolk*
Steven S. Howitt	*4th Bristol*
Tom Sannicandro	*7th Middlesex*
John W. Scibak	*2nd Hampshire*
Brendan P. Crighton	*11th Essex*
Thomas M. Stanley	*9th Middlesex*
Christine P. Barber	*34th Middlesex*
Patricia D. Jehlen	*Second Middlesex*
Shaunna L. O'Connell	*3rd Bristol*
James J. Dwyer	*30th Middlesex*
James Arciero	*2nd Middlesex*
Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.	*26th Middlesex*
Bradford R. Hill	*4th Essex*
John J. Mahoney	*13th Worcester*
Byron Rushing	*9th Suffolk*
Kate Hogan	*3rd Middlesex*
Jonathan Hecht	*29th Middlesex*
Russell E. Holmes	*6th Suffolk*
Daniel J. Hunt	*13th Suffolk*
Steven Ultrino	*33rd Middlesex*
David F. DeCoste	*5th Plymouth*
Walter F. Timilty	*7th Norfolk*
Daniel J. Ryan	*2nd Suffolk*

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By Ms. Gobi, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1155) of Anne M. Gobi, Gailanne M. Cariddi, Benjamin B. Downing, Michael O. Moore and other members of the General Court for legislation to regulate central service technicians. Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. *1886* OF 2013-2014.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)

An Act regulating central service technicians.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1: Chapter 111 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 229 the following section:

Section 230. (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

"Health care practitioner," any person licensed or registered under section 2, 16, 45, 51 51 1/2, 74, or 74A of chapter 112, including any intern, resident, fellow or medical who conducts or assists with the performance of surgery.

"Surgical facility," any hospital as defined in section 52 of chapter 111 or any rural hospital as defined in section 52 of chapter 111 or surgical services that are provided in a free

10 standing ambulatory surgery center, whether inpatient or outpatient, conducted for charity or for
11 profit and whether or not subject to section 25C. "Surgical facility" shall not include dental or
12 private office of a health care practitioner.

13 “Central Service Technician,” any person who decontaminates, inspects, assembles,
14 packages, and sterilizes reusable medical instruments or devices in a surgical facility.

15 (b) A surgical facility shall not employ or otherwise retain the services of a central
16 service technician unless such person:

17 (1) Has successfully passed a nationally accredited central service exam for central
18 service technicians; and holds and maintains one of the following credentials administered by a
19 nationally accredited central service technician credentialing organization: the certified

20 registered central service technician credential, the certified sterile processing and
21 distribution technician credential or a substantially equivalent credential; or

22 (2) Provides evidence that the person was employed as a central service technician in a
23 surgical facility on or before December 31, 2015.

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

27 (d) A person who qualifies to function as a central service technician in a surgical facility
28 under paragraphs (b)(1) and (2) of this section must annually complete ten hours of continuing
29 education credits to remain qualified to function as a central service technician.

30 (e) Nothing in this section shall prohibit any health care practitioner from performing
31 central service technicians' tasks or functions if the person is acting within the scope of his or her
32 practice.

33 (f) The commissioner of the department of public health shall adopt regulations necessary
34 to carry out this act. Such regulations shall be adopted not later than 90 days after the effective
35 date of this act.

36 SECTION 2. Section 1 shall take effect 180 days after the effective date of this act.