

SENATE No. 1886**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

Stephen M. Brewer

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: |
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| <i>Stephen M. Brewer</i> | <i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Gailanne M. Cariddi</i> | <i>1st Berkshire</i> |
| <i>Paul McMurtry</i> | <i>11th Norfolk</i> |
| <i>Michael O. Moore</i> | <i>Second Worcester</i> |
| <i>William N. Brownsberger</i> | <i>Second Suffolk and Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Todd M. Smola</i> | <i>1st Hampden</i> |
| <i>Richard T. Moore</i> | <i>Worcester and Norfolk</i> |
| <i>David Paul Linsky</i> | <i>5th Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Jennifer L. Flanagan</i> | <i>Worcester and Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Benjamin B. Downing</i> | <i>Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden</i> |
| <i>Christine E. Canavan</i> | <i>10th Plymouth</i> |
| <i>Colleen M. Garry</i> | <i>36th Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Kay Khan</i> | <i>11th Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i> | <i>12th Hampden</i> |
| <i>Patricia A. Haddad</i> | <i>5th Bristol</i> |
| <i>Anne M. Gobi</i> | <i>5th Worcester</i> |

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| <i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i> | <i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i> |
| <i>Denise Provost</i> | <i>27th Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Eileen M. Donoghue</i> | <i>First Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Claire D. Cronin</i> | <i>11th Plymouth</i> |
| <i>Michael J. Rodrigues</i> | <i>First Bristol and Plymouth</i> |
| <i>Edward F. Coppinger</i> | <i>10th Suffolk</i> |
| <i>James R. Miceli</i> | <i>19th Middlesex</i> |

SENATE No. 1886

By Mr. Brewer, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Stephen M. Brewer, Gailanne M. Cariddi, Paul McMurtry, Michael O. Moore and other members of the General Court for legislation to regulate central service technicians. Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

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:

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

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

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

7 “Health care practitioner,” any person licensed or registered under section 2, 16, 74 or
8 74A of chapter 112, including any intern, resident, fellow or medical officer who conducts or
9 assists with the performance of surgery.

10 “Surgical facility,” any entity that provides surgical health care services, whether
11 inpatient or outpatient and whether overnight or ambulatory including, but not limited to, any
12 hospital, clinic, or private office of a health care practitioner, whether conducted for charity or for
13 profit and whether or not subject to section 25C, as well as any organization, partnership,
14 association, corporation, trust or the commonwealth, or any subdivision thereof.

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

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

19 (1) Has successfully passed a nationally accredited central service exam for central
20 service technicians; and holds and maintains one of the following credentials administered by a
21 nationally accredited central service technician credentialing organization: the certified
22 registered central service technician credential, the certified sterile processing and distribution
23 technician credential or a substantially equivalent credential; or

24 (2) Provides evidence that the person was employed as a central service technician in a
25 surgical facility on or before December 31, 2014.

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

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

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

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

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