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A BILL to amend and reenact § 54.1-2956.13 of the Code of Virginia, relating to registration of surgical assistants; renewal of registration.

Patron—Robinson

Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 54.1-2956.13 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows: § 54.1-2956.13. Registered surgical assistant; use of title; registration.

A. No person shall use or assume the title "registered surgical assistant" unless such person is registered with the Board.

B. The Board shall register as a registered surgical assistant any applicant who presents satisfactory evidence that he (i) holds a current credential as a surgical assistant or surgical first assistant issued by the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting, the National Surgical Assistant Association, or the National Commission for Certification of Surgical Assistants or their successors, (ii) has successfully completed a surgical assistant training program during the person's service as a member of any branch of the armed forces of the United States, or (iii) has practiced as a surgical assistant at any time in the six months prior to July 1, 2014, provided he registers with the Board by December 31, 2016.

C. The Board shall not renew registration as a registered surgical assistant for any applicant who does not present satisfactory evidence that he holds a current credential as a surgical assistant or surgical first assistant issued by the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting, the National Surgical Assistant Association, or the National Commission for the Certification of Surgical Assistants or their successors.