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HOUSE BILL NO. 598

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A *BILL to amend and reenact § 54.1-2956.12 of the Code of Virginia, relating to registered surgical technologist; criteria for registration.*

Patron—Hayes

Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 54.1-2956.12 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 54.1-2956.12. Registered surgical technologist; use of title; registration.

A. No person shall hold himself out to be a surgical technologist or use or assume the title of "surgical technologist" or "certified surgical technologist," or use the designation "~~C.S.T.~~" or "S.T." or any variation thereof, unless such person is certified by the Board. *No person shall use the designation "C.S.T." or any variation thereof unless such person (i) is certified by the Board and (ii) has successfully completed an accredited surgical technologist training program and holds a current credential as a certified surgical technologist from the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting or its successor.*

B. The Board shall certify as a surgical technologist any applicant who presents satisfactory evidence that he (i) has successfully completed an accredited surgical technologist training program and holds a current credential as a certified surgical technologist from the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting or its successor, (ii) has successfully completed a training program for surgical technology 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 technologist *or attended a surgical technologist training program* at any time ~~in the six months~~ prior to ~~July 1, 2021~~ *October 1, 2022*, provided he registers with the Board by December 31, ~~2021~~ 2022.

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