

ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2018
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB360

Hearing Date: Thursday March 16, 2017
Committee On: Health and Human Services
Introducer: Kolterman
One Liner: Adopt the Surgical Technologist Registry Act

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:

Aye: 7 Senators Crawford, Erdman, Howard, Kolterman, Linehan, Riepe, Williams
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Mark Kolterman
Brad Olberding
Casey Glassburner

John Tenuity
Stephanie Whalum
Kim Robak

Representing:

Introducer
Self
Nebraska State Assembly of the Association of Surgical Technologists
Nebraska Surgical Technologists
Association of Surgical Technologists
Nebraska Medical Society

Opponents:

Jay Slagle

Karen Rustermier
Melissa Florell
Don Wesely

Representing:

Nebraska Association of Independent Ambulatory Centers
Association of periOperative Registered Nurses
Nebraska Nurses Association
Nebraska Nurses Association and the National Alliance of Integrated AFib Centers

Neutral:

Roger Meyer M.D.

Representing:

Self

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 360 adopts the Surgical Technologist Registry Act. It requires all surgical technologists employed by a licensed health care facility or a physician to register with the Surgical Technologist Registry.

SECTION BY SECTION:

Section (1): Creates the Surgical Technologist Registry Act.
Section (2): Definition in Sections 3-5 apply to the Act.
Section (3): Defines "Board."

Section (4): Defines "Department."

Section (5): Defines "registered surgical technologist."

Section (6): Requires all surgical technologists employed by a licensed health care facility or a physician to register within 180 days of employment with the Surgical Technologist Registry.

Section (7): Sets out the registration requirements including age, education, good moral character, state or national certification, completed application, documentation of completed accredited program, certificates of competency assessment completed and pay required fees.

Section (8): Provides for tasks and functions allowed by a registered surgical technologist.

Section (9): Creates the Surgical Technologist Registry. Registry will begin January 1, 2018.

Section (10): Board of Medicine and Surgery will provide supervision and oversight over the Registry.

Section (11): Mandates the Department establish and collect fees for Registry.

Section (12): Mandates the Department adopt and promulgate rules and regulations.

Section (13): Amends Section 38-2025 to add a skilled professional or nonprofessional assistant who is licensed certified or registered who assigns tasks by a qualified physician consistent with accepted medical standards and appropriate to the assistant's skill in his or her practice area will not be construed to be engaged in the unauthorized practice of medicine.

Section (14): Repeals Section 38-2025.

Explanation of amendments:

AM 1627 adds a new Section 12. Section 12 allows the Department to deny registrations or refusal to renew for failure to meet standard for violating rules and regulations of the Act, provides requirement of the Department if the Department chooses to deny, refuse to renew or remove a registration and provides service requirements regarding denial, refusal to renew or removal of a registration.

The amendment adds a new Section 13 that provides provisions and requirements to reapply after an individual has been denied, refused to renew or removed from registration.

The amendment changes the start date of the Registry from January 1, 2018 to January 1, 2019.

Renumbers the remaining sections.

Merv Riepe, Chairperson