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Introduction and first reading  
Referred to Health and Human Services

OFFICIAL STATUS

- 1.1 A bill for an act
- 1.2 relating to health; establishing requirements for central service technicians;
- 1.3 proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 148.
- 1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.5 Section 1. **[148.781] CENTRAL SERVICE TECHNICIAN.**
- 1.6 Subdivision 1. **Application.** This section applies to persons who perform the functions
- 1.7 of a central service technician in a health care facility.
- 1.8 Subd. 2. **Definitions.** For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the
- 1.9 meanings given:
- 1.10 (1) "central service technician" means a person who decontaminates, inspects, assembles,
- 1.11 packages, and sterilizes reusable medical instruments or devices being used by a health care
- 1.12 facility;
- 1.13 (2) "health care practitioner" means a person licensed or registered under this chapter
- 1.14 and chapters 150A, 153, 153B, 154, 155A, and 156, including any intern, resident, fellow,
- 1.15 or medical officer who conducts or assists with the performance of surgery; and
- 1.16 (3) "health care facility" means a hospital or ambulatory surgery center.
- 1.17 Subd. 3. **Requirements for central service technician.** (a) A health care facility shall
- 1.18 employ or otherwise retain the services of a central service technician only if the central
- 1.19 service technician:
- 1.20 (1) has successfully passed a nationally accredited central service exam for central service
- 1.21 technicians and holds and maintains credentials administered by a nationally accredited

central service technician credentialing organization, a certified registered central service technician credential, a certified endoscope reprocessor credential, a certified sterile processing and distribution technician credential, or a certified flexible endoscope reprocessor credential; or

(2) provides evidence that the person was employed by or was retained as a central service technician by a health care facility on or before December 31, 2027.

(b) A central service technician who does not meet the requirements of paragraph (a), clause (1), shall have 18 months from the date of hire to obtain a certified registered central service technician credential, a certified endoscope reprocessor credential, a certified sterile processing and distribution technician credential, or a certified flexible endoscope reprocessor credential.

(c) A person who qualifies to operate as a central service technician in a health care facility under paragraph (a) must annually complete ten hours of continuing education credits to remain qualified to operate as a central service technician. The continuing education required under this paragraph must be related to the functions of a central service technician.

(d) Nothing in this subdivision shall prohibit the following persons from performing the tasks or functions of a central service technician:

(1) a health care practitioner;

(2) a person who holds or maintains a registration, certification, or license by a nationally accredited credentialing organization to perform health care services; or

(3) a student or intern performing the functions of a central service technician under the direct supervision of a health care practitioner as part of the student's or intern's training or internship.

(e) A health care facility shall, upon the written request of a central service technician, verify in writing the central service technician's dates of employment or the contract period during which the central service technician provided services to the health care facility.

**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective 180 days after final enactment.