

HOUSE BILL No. 5886

September 12, 2012, Introduced by Rep. Callton and referred to the Committee on Health Policy.

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled
"Public health code,"
(MCL 333.1101 to 333.25211) by adding section 20174.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 **SEC. 20174. (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION:**

2 **(A) "PRACTICE OF SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY" MEANS WORKING**
3 **COLLABORATIVELY WITH PERIOPERATIVE NURSES ON SURGICAL PATIENT CARE**
4 **THAT INCLUDES, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO, THE FOLLOWING TASKS OR**
5 **FUNCTIONS:**

6 **(i) PREPARING THE OPERATING ROOM FOR SURGICAL PROCEDURES BY**
7 **ENSURING THAT SURGICAL EQUIPMENT IS FUNCTIONING PROPERLY AND**
8 **SAFELY.**

9 **(ii) PREPARING THE OPERATING ROOM AND THE STERILE FIELD FOR**
10 **SURGICAL PROCEDURES BY PREPARING STERILE SUPPLIES, INSTRUMENTS, AND**

1 EQUIPMENT USING STERILE TECHNIQUES.

2 (iii) ANTICIPATING THE NEEDS OF THE SURGICAL TEAM BASED ON
3 KNOWLEDGE OF HUMAN ANATOMY AND PATHOPHYSIOLOGY AND HOW THEY RELATE
4 TO THE SURGICAL PATIENT AND THE SURGICAL PROCEDURE BEING PERFORMED
5 ON THAT PATIENT.

6 (iv) AS DIRECTED IN AN OPERATING ROOM SETTING, PERFORMING TASKS
7 WITHIN THE STERILE FIELD INCLUDING ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

8 (A) MAINTAINING ASEPSIS AND CORRECTING BREAKS IN THE STERILE
9 FIELD.

10 (B) PASSING SUPPLIES, EQUIPMENT, OR INSTRUMENTS ACCORDING TO
11 THE NEEDS OF THE SURGICAL TEAM.

12 (C) SPONGING OR SUCTIONING AN OPERATIVE SITE.

13 (D) PREPARING AND CUTTING SUTURE MATERIALS.

14 (E) TRANSFERRING AND IRRIGATING WITH FLUIDS.

15 (F) TRANSFERRING BUT NOT ADMINISTERING DRUGS.

16 (G) HANDLING SPECIMENS.

17 (H) HOLDING RETRACTORS AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS.

18 (I) APPLYING ELECTROCAUTERY TO CLAMPS ON BLEEDERS.

19 (J) CONNECTING DRAINS TO SUCTION APPARATUS.

20 (K) APPLYING DRESSINGS TO CLOSED WOUNDS.

21 (L) COUNTING SPONGES, NEEDLES, SUPPLIES, AND INSTRUMENTS WITH
22 THE REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL NURSE WHO IS PERFORMING CIRCULATOR
23 NURSE DUTIES.

24 (B) "SURGICAL FACILITY" MEANS A HOSPITAL, FREESTANDING
25 SURGICAL OUTPATIENT FACILITY, OR OTHER SIMILAR ENTITY THAT UTILIZES
26 SURGICAL TECHNOLOGISTS.

27 (C) "SURGICAL TECHNOLOGIST" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO ENGAGES IN

1 THE PRACTICE OF SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY.

2 (2) A SURGICAL TECHNOLOGIST SHALL COMPLETE 15 HOURS OF
3 CONTINUING EDUCATION DURING EACH CALENDAR YEAR. A SURGICAL
4 TECHNOLOGIST WHO HOLDS AND MAINTAINS THE NATIONAL CERTIFICATION
5 ESTABLISHED BY THE NATIONAL BOARD OF SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY AND
6 SURGICAL ASSISTING FOR THE SURGICAL TECHNOLOGIST IS CONSIDERED TO
7 HAVE MET THE CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBSECTION.
8 A SURGICAL FACILITY THAT EMPLOYS, CONTRACTS WITH, OR GRANTS
9 CLINICAL PRIVILEGES TO A SURGICAL TECHNOLOGIST SHALL MAINTAIN
10 DOCUMENTATION THAT THE SURGICAL TECHNOLOGIST MEETS THE CONTINUING
11 EDUCATION OR CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBSECTION.

12 (3) A SURGICAL FACILITY THAT SEEKS TO EMPLOY, CONTRACT WITH,
13 OR GRANT CLINICAL PRIVILEGES TO A SURGICAL TECHNOLOGIST SHALL AT A
14 MINIMUM POST ITS SURGICAL TECHNOLOGIST JOB OPENINGS ON THE MICHIGAN
15 TALENT BANK, THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH INTERNET WEBSITE,
16 OR A SIMILAR JOB OPENING INTERNET WEBSITE OPERATED BY THIS STATE.

17 (4) THIS SECTION DOES NOT PROHIBIT A HEALTH PROFESSIONAL WHO
18 IS LICENSED, REGISTERED, OR OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED TO ENGAGE IN A
19 HEALTH PROFESSION UNDER ARTICLE 15 FROM PERFORMING TASKS AND
20 FUNCTIONS WITHIN THE PRACTICE OF SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY IF THE
21 INDIVIDUAL IS ACTING WITHIN THE SCOPE OF HIS OR HER LICENSE,
22 REGISTRATION, OR AUTHORIZATION.

23 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect January
24 1, 2013.