

HB 311 -- Surgical Assistants and Technologists

Sponsor: May

This bill provides for the registration of surgical assistants and surgical technologists. The bill:

- (1) Requires persons wishing to become registered surgical assistants to be certified by the National Surgical Assistant Association on the Certification of Surgical Assistants, Liaison Council on Certification for the Surgical Technologist, or the American Board of Surgical Assisting and those wishing to be registered surgical technologists to be certified by the Liaison Council on Certification for the Surgical Technologist;
- (2) Requires applicants to make application with the State Board of Registration for the Healing Arts;
- (3) Requires that no person practice or say that they are a registered surgical assistant or registered surgical technologist without being registered by the board;
- (4) Provides exemptions for certain health care professionals acting within the scope of their practice;
- (5) Establishes qualifications which must be met prior to applying for registration;
- (6) Specifies the requirements for registration renewal, fees, inactive status, registration refusal, revocation, and suspension; and
- (7) Creates the Registered Surgical Assistant and Registered Surgical Technologist Fund.

The bill will become effective July 1, 2006.