

HB 378 -- Registered Surgical Technologists

Sponsor: Wildberger

This bill establishes the Registered Surgical Technologist Title Protection Act. The bill:

- (1) Requires persons wishing to practice as registered surgical technologists to be registered with the State Board of Registration for the Healing Arts within the Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions, and Professional Registration;
- (2) Requires applicants to be certified by the Liaison Council on Certification for the Surgical Technologist or complete an accredited surgical technologist program approved by the board;
- (3) Requires all registered surgical technologists to practice under the direct supervision of a licensed physician, dentist, or podiatrist;
- (4) Makes it unlawful for any person to present himself or herself as a registered surgical technologist without first being duly registered with the board;
- (5) Exempts certain licensed health care professionals from registration;
- (6) Authorizes the board to promulgate rules; set fees; refuse to issue, suspend, or revoke registrations for violations specified in the bill; and
- (7) Creates within the state treasury the Registered Surgical Technologist Fund.

The bill becomes effective July 1, 2008.