

AMENDMENTS TO LB721

Introduced by Health and Human Services.

1 1. Strike sections 12 and 17 and insert the following new sections:

2 Sec. 12. (1) An applicant for licensure under the Surgical First
3 Assistant Practice Act shall:

4 (a) Be certified as a surgical first assistant by an approved
5 certifying body;

6 (b) Have successfully completed an approved surgical first assistant
7 education program approved by the board or other experiential or training
8 program as approved by the board;

9 (c) Have passed a nationally recognized surgical first assistant
10 examination adopted by the board; and

11 (d) Have a high school diploma or the equivalent as determined by
12 the board.

13 (2) The department may waive the education and examination
14 requirements under the Surgical First Assistant Practice Act for an
15 applicant who:

16 (a) By January 1, 2017, submits demonstrated evidence satisfactory
17 to the board that he or she has been functioning as a surgical first
18 assistant as his or her primary function in a licensed health care
19 facility within the last five years prior to September 1, 2016;

20 (b) By January 1, 2017, submits evidence of holding a current
21 certification as a surgical first assistant issued by an approved
22 certifying body; or

23 (c) Submits evidence of holding a credential as a surgical first
24 assistant issued by another state or territory of the United States or
25 the District of Columbia which has standards substantially equivalent to
26 those of this state.

27 Sec. 17. (1) The board shall, pursuant to section 38-126: (a)

1 Recommend to the department the issuance of licenses to practice surgical
2 assisting under the Surgical First Assistant Practice Act; (b)
3 investigate and adopt standards based on national standards for surgical
4 assisting and implement changes as needed to carry out the act; and (c)
5 provide for distribution of information regarding practice of licensed
6 surgical first assistants.

7 (2) The department shall: (a) Receive and investigate complaints,
8 conduct hearings, and impose disciplinary actions in relation to
9 complaints against licensed surgical assistants under the Uniform
10 Credentialing Act; and (b) perform other duties as required under the
11 Surgical First Assistant Practice Act and Uniform Credentialing Act.

12 Sec. 21. This act becomes operative on January 1, 2017.

13 2. On page 3, line 12, strike "the surgical team"; in lines 17 and
14 18 strike "Utilizing" through "assist" and insert "Assisting"; in line 20
15 strike "Utilizing" and insert "Inserting"; in line 23 after the semicolon
16 insert "and"; in line 25 strike "and"; and strike lines 26 and 27.

17 3. On page 4, line 24, strike "licensed" and insert "holding an
18 active license".

19 4. Renumber the remaining section accordingly.