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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 1598

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 1598 on page 2, by
3 replacing lines 1 through 6 with the following:

4 "Health care facility" does not include: (i) a health
5 care facility that is a critical access hospital as designated
6 by the Department of Public Health in accordance with 42 CFR
7 485, Subpart F; (ii) a rural emergency hospital as defined
8 under subsection (kkk)(2) of Section 1861 of the federal
9 Social Security Act; or (iii) a health care facility that is
10 located more than 60 miles from a nationally accredited
11 surgical technology program located in Illinois."; and

12 by replacing line 6 on page 3 through line 12 on page 4 with
13 the following:

14 "Section 10. Requirements for surgical technologists.

15 (a) Each surgical technologist hired or contracted by a
16 health care facility on or after January 1, 2028 shall meet one

1 or more of the following requirements:

2 (1) The surgical technologist has successfully
3 completed a nationally accredited program for surgical
4 technologists and is certified through the National Board
5 of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting or the
6 National Center for Competency Testing.

7 (2) If the surgical technologist has successfully
8 completed the educational requirements under paragraph (1)
9 but has not, on the date the surgical technologist is
10 hired or enters into the contract with the health care
11 facility, obtained the national certification under
12 paragraph (1), the surgical technologist must obtain that
13 certification within 18 months after being hired or
14 entering into the contract.

15 (3) The surgical technologist is registered as a
16 registered surgical technologist under the Registered
17 Surgical Assistant and Registered Surgical Technologist
18 Title Protection Act.

19 (4) The surgical technologist has successfully
20 completed a training program for surgical technology in
21 the armed forces of the United States or the United States
22 Public Health Service.

23 (5) The surgical technologist has engaged in the
24 practice of surgical technology at a hospital licensed
25 under the Hospital Licensing Act or an ambulatory surgical
26 treatment center licensed under the Ambulatory Surgical

1 Treatment Center Act before January 1, 2028.

2 (b) This Section does not apply to a person assigned, on a
3 temporary basis, to act as a surgical technologist on behalf
4 of an out-of-state staffing agency for a health care
5 facility."; and

6 on page 4, by replacing lines 13 through 17 with the following:

7 "Section 15. Exemptions.

8 (a) Health care facilities located in a Health
9 Professional Shortage Area or Medically Underserved Area, as
10 determined by the federal government, shall be exempt from
11 Section 10 of this Act but shall have a hiring preference for
12 surgical technologists who graduated from nationally
13 accredited surgical technology programs and are certified
14 through the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical
15 Assisting or the National Center for Competency Testing.

16 (b) Nothing in this Act prohibits:

17 (1) a person licensed in this State under any other
18 Act from engaging in the practice for which the person is
19 licensed, including, but not limited to, a physician
20 licensed to practice medicine in all its branches, a
21 physician assistant, an advanced practice registered
22 nurse, or a nurse performing surgery-related tasks within
23 the scope of the nurse's license or registration; or

24 (2) a student or intern from performing surgical

1 technology services under direct supervision, as defined
2 in the Registered Surgical Assistant and Registered
3 Surgical Technologist Title Protection Act.".