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7 An Act relating to public health and safety; defining  
8 terms; prohibiting healthcare facility from employing  
9 or contracting with central service technicians  
10 unless such persons meet certain criteria; requiring  
11 central service technicians to annually complete  
12 continuing education credits; requiring healthcare  
13 facility to verify central service technician's dates  
14 of employment or contract period upon request;  
15 providing certain interpretation; permitting  
16 healthcare facility to adopt certain policies and  
17 procedures; providing for codification; and providing  
18 an effective date.

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1 provides services pursuant to a contract with the healthcare  
2 facility;

3 2. "Healthcare facility" means a hospital as defined in Section  
4 1-701 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes or an ambulatory surgical  
5 center as defined in Section 2657 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma  
6 Statutes; and

7 3. "Healthcare professional" means any person who is licensed,  
8 certified, or otherwise authorized by the laws of this state to  
9 practice a health care or healing arts profession or who administers  
10 health care in the ordinary course of business.

11 B. No healthcare facility shall employ or contract for the  
12 services of a central service technician unless such person:

13 1. Holds and maintains the certified registered central service  
14 technician credential administered by the International Association  
15 of Healthcare Central Service Material Management or the certified  
16 sterile processing and distribution technician credential  
17 administered by the Certification Board of Sterile Processing and  
18 Distribution, Inc.; or

19 2. Provides evidence that the person was employed or otherwise  
20 contracted for the services as a central service technician in a  
21 healthcare facility on or in the two (2) years immediately prior to  
22 November 1, 2014.

23 C. A person employed as a central service technician on  
24 November 1, 2014, who does not meet the requirements of subsection B

1 of this section shall have eighteen (18) months from the date of  
2 hire to obtain the certified registered central service technician  
3 credential or the certified sterile processing and distribution  
4 technician credential.

5 D. A person who qualifies to function as a central service  
6 technician shall annually complete a minimum of ten (10) hours of  
7 continuing education credits to remain qualified to function as a  
8 central service technician.

9 E. A healthcare care facility shall, upon the request of a  
10 central service technician, verify, in writing, the central service  
11 technician's dates of employment or the contract period during which  
12 the central service technician provided services to the healthcare  
13 facility.

14 F. Nothing in this section shall prohibit a healthcare  
15 professional from performing the tasks or functions of central  
16 service technicians if the person is acting within the scope of his  
17 or her practice.

18 G. If the healthcare facility employs or contracts with a  
19 central service technician, the healthcare facility may adopt,  
20 implement, and enforce policies and procedures to comply with this  
21 section.

22 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2014.

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