SENATE .. . No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Mr. Brewer

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to surgical technology.

PETITION OF:

Name:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Mr. Brewer	Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Franklin
Frederick E. Berry	Second Essex
Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.	12th Hampden

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION SEE SENATE, NO. S02782 OF 2007-2008.]

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In	the	Year	Two	Thousand	and	Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Chapter 111 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after
- 2 section 218 the following new section—
- 3 Section 219. Surgical Technologists.
- 4 (a) For purposes of this Section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:
- "Health care facility" means any organization, partnership, association, corporation or trust, however named, or the commonwealth or any subdivision thereof, or any person or group of persons that provides surgical health care services, whether inpatient or outpatient and whether overnight or ambulatory, including but not limited to any hospital, clinic, or private office of a health care practitioner or practitioners, whether conducted for charity or for profit and whether or not subject to the provisions of section 25C of chapter 111 of the general laws.
- "Health care practitioner" means any person licensed under the provisions of chapter
 112 of the general laws, including any intern, resident, fellow, or medical officer, who
 may supervise, conduct, or assist with the performance of surgery.
- 15 (3) "Surgical technologist" means any person not a health care practitioner who provides surgical technology services.
- 17 (4) "Surgical technology" means surgical patient care that may include, but is not limited to, one or more of the following activities:

19 20		(i)	preparing the operating room for surgical procedures by ensuring that surgical equipment is functioning properly and safely;			
21 22		(ii)	preparing the operating room and the sterile field for surgical procedures by preparing sterile supplies, instruments, and equipment using sterile technique;			
23 24 25		(iii)	anticipating the needs of the surgical team based on knowledge of human anatomy and pathophysiology and how they relate to the surgical patient and the patient's surgical procedure; and			
26 27 28 29 30 31		(iv)	as directed in an operating room setting, performing tasks at the sterile field, including: (1) passing supplies, equipment, or instruments; (2) sponging or suctioning an operative site; (3) preparing and cutting suture material; (4) transferring and irrigating with fluids; (5) transferring but not administering drugs within the sterile field; (6) handling specimens; (7) holding retractors; and (8) assisting in counting sponges, needles, supplies, and instruments.			
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34 35 36 37 38	(1)	has successfully completed an educational program for surgical technologists and holds and maintains a certified surgical technologist credential administered by a nationally recognized surgical technologist certifying body accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies and recognized by the American College of Surgeons and the Association of Surgical Technologists;				
39 40 41 42	(2)	has graduated from an accredited school of surgical technology but has not, as of the date of hire, obtained the certified surgical technologist certification required in subsection (b)(1) above, provided that such certification is obtained within twelve months of the graduation date;				
43 44	(3)	was em 2010;	nployed to practice surgical technology in a health care facility on January 1,			
45 46 47	(4)	navy, a	npleted an appropriate training program for surgical technology in the army, ir force, marine corps, or coast guard of the United States or in the United States Health Service;			
48 49	(5)		alth care practitioner who performs surgical technology services within the scope practitioner's license; or			
50 51	(6)		e service of the federal government, but only to the extent the person is ning duties related to that service.			
52 53 54	(c) A health care facility shall supervise each surgical technologist to monitor the technologist's competent performance of delegated surgical technology services, in accordance with the facility's policies and procedures, this section and any other applicable provisions of law.					

- Nothing in this section shall prohibit a health care practitioner from performing surgical technology tasks or functions if the person is acting within the scope of his or her license.
- 57 (e) The department shall enforce the provisions of this section and shall adopt and promulgate such 58 rules and regulations as are necessary to carry out the purposes hereof.