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## Overview

This bill establishes the qualifications for employment as a surgical technologist in a health care facility.

## Section

- 1 Surgical technologists. Creates § 144.587.
  - **Subd. 1. Definitions.** Defines health care facility and surgical technology for purposes of this section.
  - **Subd. 2. Surgical technologists; employment.** Paragraph (a) prohibits a health care facility from employing an individual to perform surgical technology tasks unless:
  - the individual has completed an accredited program for surgical technologists and has a certified surgical technician credential;
  - the individual is employed as a surgical technologist in a health care facility in the state at time of enactment of this section;
  - the individual has completed a training program for surgical technology in the armed forces or the U.S. Public Health Service; or
  - the individual is in the service of the federal government and is performing duties related to that service.

Paragraph (b) permits a health care facility to employ an individual who does not meet the requirements of paragraph (a) if the facility, after making diligent efforts, is unable to find sufficient staff, and the facility makes a written record of its efforts to comply with paragraph (a).

Paragraph (c) provides that this section does not prohibit a licensed practitioner from performing surgical technology tasks if the individual is acting within the practitioner's scope of practice, or any student in training to be a licensed health care

practitioner if under the supervision of a licensed physician.

Paragraph (d) states that this section does not repeal or modify any law relating to supervision of surgical technologists.

**Subd. 3. Continuing education.** Requires individuals who qualify for employment under subdivision 2, paragraph (a), clauses (2) or (3), to complete 15 hours of continuing education each year to remain qualified for employment.