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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1555**

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**State of Washington                      63rd Legislature                      2013 Regular Session**

**By House Health Care & Wellness (originally sponsored by Representatives Green, Warnick, Cody, Morrell, and Ryu)**

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1            AN ACT Relating to the education of surgical technologists;  
2 amending RCW 18.215.020; adding new sections to chapter 18.215 RCW;  
3 creating a new section; and providing an effective date.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5            **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.215.020 and 1999 c 335 s 3 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7            No person may represent oneself as a surgical technologist by use  
8 of any title or description, or perform the functions of a surgical  
9 technologist, without being registered by the department under the  
10 provisions of this chapter.

11            NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 18.215 RCW  
12 to read as follows:

13            In order to perform functions in a hospital licensed under chapter  
14 70.41 RCW, a registered surgical technologist must first submit  
15 evidence of any one of the following to the department in a manner  
16 acceptable to the secretary:

17            (1) Successful completion of a nationally and programmatically  
18 accredited surgical technology program;

1 (2) Successful completion of a surgical technology program offered  
2 by the United States armed forces; or

3 (3) Performance of surgical technology functions in a hospital for  
4 a period of one year in the five years immediately preceding January 1,  
5 2015.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 18.215 RCW  
7 to read as follows:

8 Nothing in this chapter prohibits or affects:

9 (1) A person licensed under this title acting within his or her  
10 scope of practice;

11 (2) A person performing functions in the discharge of official  
12 duties on behalf of the United States government including, but not  
13 limited to, the armed forces, coast guard, public health service,  
14 veterans' bureau, or bureau of Indian affairs; or

15 (3) A person completing the clinical portion of a surgical  
16 technology education program.

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** The department of health shall adopt rules  
18 necessary to implement this act.

19 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 5.** Sections 1 through 3 of this act take effect  
20 August 1, 2014.

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