**A** **BILL**

TO AMEND SECTION 44‑7‑380, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO EDUCATIONAL AND CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR SURGICAL TECHNOLOGISTS, SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTIFICATION BY CERTAIN ACCREDITED PROGRAMS.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. Section 44‑7‑380(B)(1)(a) of the 1976 Code, as added by Act 95 of 2007, is amended to read:

“(a) has successfully completed an accredited educational program for surgical technologists and holds and maintains ~~the~~ a Surgical Technologist Certification ~~administered by the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting, or its successor~~ from a certification program accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies; however, upon completion of an accredited education program for surgical technologists, graduates may practice for up to three months before completing certification ~~by the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting, or its successor~~;”

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

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