**Summary of Key Provisions in L\_131\_1112** *(draft licensure bill)*

This draft bill creates a new chapter (4785) within title 47 (occupations-professions) of the Ohio Revised Code establishing a license for surgical technologists within the State Medical Board of Ohio. When reading a bill draft, keep in mind that only language that is underlined is new; the other text in the bill is existing statute. Any text that is ~~struck through~~ represents existing statute that is being eliminated in a bill draft.

Pages 1-14 (lines 16-384) add chapter 4785 to existing sections of code dealing with Medical Board authority; these changes are technical in nature and are necessary to conform this new license to the Medical Board’s existing framework. The sections contained in pages 14-20 will be the most impactful to surgical technologists as they outline the process for obtaining and renewing a license as well as the definition of ‘surgical technology’. Sections contained on pages 21-41 will hopefully not impact any surgical technologists as they deal primarily with investigations, disciplinary actions, and criminal proceedings.

It is important to note that this draft does not

Here is a section by section breakdown of the draft surgical technology licensure bill—

* **Sec. 4785.01:** This section provides definitions of key terminology used throughout the bill, including providing the definition of ‘surgical technologist’
* **Sec.** **4785.02:** This section identifies who may practice surgical technology and who may use the title ‘surgical technologist’
* **Sec.** **4785.03:** This section provides the framework for a surgical technologist to apply for a license and also includes a grandfather clause (lines 454-458) for surgical technologists who are already employed prior to the effective date of the bill.
* **Sec.** **4785.04:** This section stipulates that a criminal records check is required for licensure.
* **Sec.** **4785.05:** This section stipulates that licenses are active for two years, and then must be renewed.
* **Sec.** **4785.06:** This section outlines the renewal process, including the requirement that all surgical technologists obtain 30 hours of continuing education during each licensure period.
* **Sec. 4785.07:** This section details the process by which a surgical technologist can reinstate their license in the event he or she fails to renew prior to the expiration of the license.
* **Sec. 4785.08:** This section sets forth a process for a surgical technologist to obtain a duplicate license.
* **Sec.** **4785.09:** This section provides the scope of practice for a surgical technologist.
* **Sec.** **4785.10:** This section provides the State Medical Board with rulemaking authority to regulate surgical technologists; any rules adopted by the board must undergo public hearings and legislative review.
* **Sec.** **4785.11:** This section outlines the process for suspension and/or revocation of a surgical technology license including the process for notifying a licensee of pending disciplinary action, a process for the licensee to appeal any action, and the activities that would result in a disciplinary action.
* **Sec.** **4785.12:** This section deals with instances where a licensee has defaulted in making child support payments—the Medical Board may be asked to take action or provide a child support enforcement agency with information regarding a surgical technologist.
* **Sec.** **4785.13:** This section outlines a process by which a surgical technology license can be suspended in the event the Medical Board has reason to be believe a licensee is mentally unfit
* **Sec.** **4785.14:** This section outlines the Medical Board’s investigative powers, including the ability to issue subpoenas.
* **Sec. 4785.15:** This section deals with surgical technologists who plead guilty or are convicted of a felony.
* **Sec. 4785.16:** This section identifies the responsibilities of the secretary of the Medical Board related to licensure of surgical technology.
* **Sec. 4785.17:** This section pertains to individuals who practice surgical technology without a license.
* **Sec. 4785.18:** This section identifies the account where licensure fees, penalties, and other Medical Board revenue derived from the licensure and regulation of surgical technology are to be deposited.
* **Sec.** **4785.19:** This section provides immunity for Board members and staff form civil liability when conducting official investigations or other activities related to regulation of surgical technology.
* **Sec.** **4785.20:** This section requires the Medical Board to comply with section 4776.20 if the Revised Code, which deals with human trafficking.
* **Sec.** **4785.99:** This section outlines penalties for individuals who practice surgical technology without a license or who advertise themselves as surgical technologists without obtaining a license.