

HOUSE BILL 3598
By West

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section
68-57-101, relative to surgical technologists.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-57-101(a)(1), is amended by deleting the semicolon at the end of the subdivision and by adding the following language:

or the Tech in Surgery-Certified (TS-C) exam offered by the National Center for Competency Testing (NCCT);

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-57-101(a)(2), is amended by deleting the semicolon at the end of the subdivision and by adding the following language:

or by the Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools (ABHES);

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-57-101(a)(4), is amended by deleting the period at the end of the subdivision and by adding the following language:

or the Tech in Surgery-Certified (TS-C) exam offered by the NCCT;

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-57-101, is amended by deleting subsection (b) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following language:

(b) Any student who completes a surgical technology program that is in the process of becoming CAAHEP or ABHES accredited on July 1, 2006, shall be considered a graduate of a CAAHEP or ABHES accredited program.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006, the public welfare requiring it.