



## ILLINOIS REGISTERED SURGICAL ASSISTING AND SURGICAL TECHNOLOGIST LAW

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Question:** *Does a person have to register to perform the duties of a surgical technologist or surgical assistant?*

**Answer:** No. A person must register as a surgical assistant or surgical technologist only if he or she uses the title “registered surgical assistant” or “registered surgical technologist.”

**Question:** *Does a person have to be certified to register as a surgical technologist or surgical assistant in Illinois?*

**Answer:** Yes. To be registered as a surgical technologist, a person must be certified by the [National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting](#). To be a registered surgical assistant, a person must be certified by the [National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting](#), the National Surgical Assistant Association or the American Board of Surgical Assistants.

**Question:** *Is the Illinois Registered Surgical Assistant and Surgical Technologist law available online?*

**Answer:** Yes. Visit the Public Policy section of the AST website and select “Map of State Laws.”

**Question:** *Is registration and licensure information available online?*

**Answer:** Yes. Information is available from the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation at the Department’s [Surgical Technologist webpage](#) and [Surgical Assistant webpage](#).

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