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## Exempt Action: Final Regulation Agency Background Document

<b>Agency name</b>	Board of Medicine, Department of Health Professions
<b>Virginia Administrative Code (VAC) Chapter citation(s)</b>	18VAC85-160
<b>VAC Chapter title(s)</b>	Regulations Governing the Licensure of Surgical Assistants and Certification of Surgical Technologists
<b>Action title</b>	Implementation of HB598 for certification of surgical technologists
<b>Final agency action date</b>	August 5, 2022
<b>Date this document prepared</b>	August 5, 2022

This information is required for executive branch review pursuant to Executive Order 19 (2022) (EO 19), any instructions or procedures issued by the Office of Regulatory Management (ORM) or the Department of Planning and Budget (DPB) pursuant to EO 19. In addition, this information is required by the Virginia Registrar of Regulations pursuant to the Virginia Register Act (§ 2.2-4100 et seq. of the Code of Virginia). Regulations must conform to the Regulations for Filing and Publishing Agency Regulations (1 VAC 7-10), and the *Form and Style Requirements for the Virginia Register of Regulations and Virginia Administrative Code*.

### Brief Summary

*Provide a brief summary (preferably no more than 2 or 3 paragraphs) of this regulatory change (i.e., new regulation, amendments to an existing regulation, or repeal of an existing regulation). Alert the reader to all substantive matters. If applicable, generally describe the existing regulation.*

This action adds the extended grandfathering provision for certification of surgical technologists found in [Ch. 71](#) of the 2022 Acts of Assembly.

### Mandate and Impetus

*Identify the mandate for this regulatory change and any other impetus that specifically prompted its initiation (e.g., new or modified mandate, internal staff review, petition for rulemaking, periodic review, or board decision). For purposes of executive branch review, "mandate" has the same meaning as defined in the ORM procedures, "a directive from the General Assembly, the federal government, or a court that requires that a regulation be promulgated, amended, or repealed in whole or part."*

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The mandate for this action is [Ch. 71](#) of the 2022 Acts of Assembly, which extended the grandfathering provision for certification of surgical technologists to October 1, 2022.

### **Statement of Final Agency Action**

*Provide a statement of the final action taken by the agency including: 1) the date the action was taken; 2) the name of the agency taking the action; and 3) the title of the regulation.*

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On August 5, 2022, the Executive Committee of the Board of Medicine adopted this change to the Regulations Governing the Licensure of Surgical Assistants and Certification of Surgical Technologists as an exempt action.