**Dear IL General Assembly Members:**

**As medical doctors** **we urge your support** [**SB 2653**](https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/fulltext.asp?DocName=10300SB2653lv&SessionID=112&GA=103&DocTypeID=SB&DocNum=2653&SpecSess=&Session=&print=true)**, the Operating Room Patient Safety Act.  Given the complex and intricate nature of the work they perform, it is imperative that the role of the surgical technologist is performed by someone, who has graduated from an accredited associate degree program and is nationally certified.  SB 2653 would phase in these requirements to make implementation easier and grandfather the current workforce.  Short-cut programs can’t properly prepare students for the life- saving role the profession plays and puts the patient and surgical team at risk.   Please help us raise the bar of patient care by supporting SB 2653.**

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