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To the Honorable Members of the Illinois General Assembly:

In compliance with the requirements of the Regulatory Sunset Act (5 ILCS 80), the Governor's Office of Management and Budget (GOMB) has undertaken a study of the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation's administration of the Registered Surgical Assistant and Registered Surgical Technologist Title Protection Act (225 ILCS 130). GOMB has provided my office with a copy of the study and its recommendations regarding whether the Act should be terminated, modified, or continued. I have reviewed GOMB's submission and offer the following comments and recommendations to the General Assembly for its consideration.

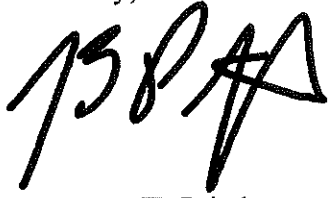
The Registered Surgical Assistant and Registered Surgical Technologist Title Protection Act governs the licensure of registered surgical assistants and registered surgical technologists in the State of Illinois. The absence of regulation of registered surgical assistants and registered surgical technologists would pose a significant and direct harm to the safety and welfare of the public. The lack of regulation would negatively impact the ethical standards that protect medical patients and the surgical services they require. It also would jeopardize the ethical standards that help to preserve the best interests of patients and the services provided by surgical assistants and surgical technologists. Surgical assistants and technologists typically work in the operating room during a surgical procedure. They anticipate the needs of the surgical team and during an operation, assist the surgeon with tasks such as selecting equipment, holding open incisions, stopping bleeding, closing the incision, among many other technical medical tasks. Therefore, the health and safety of the public is put at risk without proper training, licensing, and oversight of registered surgical assistants and registered surgical technologists.

The absence of regulation of this industry would pose a significant and direct harm to the welfare of the public. Current evidence does not suggest that the imposition of the state regulatory standards is such a burden as to outweigh the benefits to the health, safety, and welfare of the people of Illinois in continuing the licensure and regulation of this profession. Consequently, the Act is necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the people of Illinois.

The Registered Surgical Assistant and Registered Surgical Technologist Title Protection Act should be continued to promote and enhance the health, safety and welfare of the public and does not place an undue burden on licensees or commerce.

The Governor's Office of Management and Budget's report is provided for your reference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JB Pritzker", with a stylized, overlapping "A" at the end.

Governor JB Pritzker