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**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION REQUIRE-**  
2 **MENT FOR CERTAIN STERILE PROCESSING**  
3 **TECHNICIANS OF THE VETERANS HEALTH**  
4 **ADMINISTRATION.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 7402(b) of title 38,  
6 United States Code, is amended—

7 (1) by redesignating paragraph (14) as (15);

8 and

9 (2) by inserting after paragraph (13) the fol-  
10 lowing new paragraph:

11 “(14) STERILE PROCESSING TECHNICIAN.—To be el-  
12 igible to be appointed to a sterile processing technician  
13 position (except for such a position that the Secretary de-  
14 termines is entry level), a person must be certified as a  
15 sterile processing technician by an accredited institution  
16 engaged in providing sterile processing technician train-  
17 ing.”.

18 (b) DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE FOR CURRENT EM-  
19 PLOYEES.—In the case of a person occupying a sterile  
20 processing technician position in the Veterans Health Ad-  
21 ministration on the date of the enactment of this Act, the  
22 amendment made by subsection (a) shall not apply to such  
23 person until the day that is two years after the date of  
24 the enactment of this Act.