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House Bill 4403 (Substitute H-2 as reported without amendment)  
Sponsor: Representative Howard Walker  
House Committee: Health Policy  
Senate Committee: Health Policy

### **CONTENT**

The bill would amend the Public Health Code to allow a licensed allopathic physician or osteopathic physician and surgeon to delegate an act, task, or function involving the use of surgical instrumentation to an individual who was not licensed under Article 15 (Occupations) if the following conditions were met: the procedure was directly supervised by a licensed physician who was physically present during the performance of the procedure; the delegation of the procedure was not prohibited or otherwise restricted by the applicable board or the health facility or agency; and the delegation of the act, task, or function specifically was authorized by the facility or agency to be delegated and performed by either a surgical technologist or a surgical first assistant who met the qualifications of the facility or agency with which he or she was employed or under contract.

The bill specifies that it would not require new or additional third-party reimbursement or mandated worker's compensation benefits for services rendered by the surgical technologist or first assistant.

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### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill likely would have little to no fiscal impact on State and local government. The State and some local governments could experience a slight decrease in medical reimbursement costs for insured employees and fee-for-service Medicaid recipients as lower-cost professionals provided a higher number of covered medical services.

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