



March 23, 2022

*Wayne A. Smith  
President & CEO*

The Honorable Bill Bush  
411 Legislative Avenue  
Dover, DE 19901

**RE: Support for HB 279**

Representative Bush,

*Nemours Children's  
Health, Delaware  
Mark Mumford,  
Executive Vice President  
Chief Executive,  
Nemours Delaware  
Valley Operations*

Thank you for introducing House Bill 279, relating to certification of central service technicians. The Delaware Healthcare Association (DHA) strongly supports this legislation.

*Bayhealth  
Terry Murphy,  
President & CEO*

Central service technicians, also known as sterile processing technicians, are an integral part of the hospital team. These technicians ensure that instruments and equipment used in medical and surgical procedures are properly cleaned, inspected, sterilized, stored and ready when needed. Central service technicians are crucial to our hospitals' safety and infection prevention efforts. HB 279 requires individuals who perform the tasks of a central service technician to pass a nationally accredited examination and to hold either a certified registered central service technician credential or certified sterile processing and distribution technician credential within 18 months of hire. Requiring certification of central service technicians will ensure these professionals are equipped with the knowledge and skills necessary to perform their duties safely and effectively.

*Beebe Healthcare  
David A. Tam,  
MD, MBA,  
President & CEO*

*ChristianaCare  
Janice E. Nevin,  
MD, MPH  
President & CEO*

*TidalHealth Nanticoke  
Penny Short, MSM, BSN,  
RN  
President & CEO*

DHA is pleased to support HB 279 and looks forward to working with you and the members of the General Assembly to advance this important legislation.

*Saint Francis Healthcare  
James Woodward  
Acting President*

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Wayne A. Smith'.

Wayne A. Smith  
President & CEO

*Wilmington Veterans  
Affairs Medical Center  
Vincent Kane  
Director*

*Delaware Healthcare  
Association  
Wayne A. Smith  
President & CEO*

CC: Members of the House Health & Human Development Committee

*DHA represents hospitals and health care delivery systems in Delaware and provides policy and advocacy leadership in creating an excellent environment to support our members in helping every Delawarean to be as healthy as they can be.*