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HOUSE BILL NO. 1211

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LICENSING: Provides for licensure of radiology practitioner assistants

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 37:3200(2)(introductory paragraph), 3207(B)(1),
3 3208(A)(introductory paragraph), 3211, 3212, 3213, 3214(introductory paragraph),
4 3216, 3219(A)(introductory paragraph) and (4) and to enact R.S. 37:3200(11) and
5 (12), 3207(A)(8), 3208.1, 3210(E), 3211.1, and 3212.1, relative to licensing of
6 radiology practitioner assistants; to provide for qualifications of radiology
7 practitioner assistants; to provide for licensing requirements for radiology
8 practitioner assistants; and to provide for related matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 37:3200(2)(introductory paragraph), 3207(B)(1),
11 3208(A)(introductory paragraph), 3211, 3212, 3213, 3214(introductory paragraph), 3216,
12 3219(A)(introductory paragraph) and (4) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S.
13 37:3200(11) and (12), 3207(A)(8), 3208.1, 3210(E), 3211.1, and 3212.1 are hereby enacted
14 to read as follows:

15 CHAPTER 45. LICENSED RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGIST AND LICENSED
16 RADIOLOGY PRACTITIONER ASSISTANT

17 §3200. Definitions

18 As used in this Chapter:

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20 (2) "License" means a certificate issued by the board authorizing the licensee
21 to use radioactive materials or equipment emitting or detecting ionizing radiation on
22 humans for diagnostic or therapeutic purposes in accordance with the provisions of

1 ~~this Chapter.~~ engage in one of the following sets of activities, as appropriate to the
2 licensee specified:

3 (a) A licensed radiologic technologist may use radioactive materials or
4 equipment emitting or detecting ionizing radiation on humans for diagnostic or
5 therapeutic purposes in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter.

6 (b) A licensed radiology practitioner assistant may provide radiologic
7 diagnostic medical services under the supervision of a radiologist.

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9 (11) "Radiology practitioner assistant" means a health professional who is
10 certified and registered with the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists and
11 who is credentialed to provide primary radiologic health care under the supervision
12 of a radiologist.

13 (12) "Supervising radiologist" means a radiologist overseeing or
14 participating in the work of a radiology practitioner assistant.

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16 §3207. Duties and powers of the board

17 A. The board shall:

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19 (8) Examine, license, renew licenses of, and issue temporary working
20 permits to duly qualified applicants for licensure as radiology practitioner assistants.

21 B. The board may:

22 (1) Establish pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act a code of ethics
23 for radiologic technologists and radiology practitioner assistants.

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25 §3208. Qualifications of applicants for radiologic technologist license

26 A. An applicant for licensure as a radiologic technologist under the
27 provisions of this Chapter ~~must~~ shall verify by oath or affirmation that he is:

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29 §3208.1. Qualifications of applicants for radiology practitioner assistant license

1 A. An applicant for licensure pursuant to the provisions of this Chapter shall
2 verify by oath or affirmation that he is:

3 (1) At least eighteen years of age.

4 (2) Has successfully completed a four-year course of study in a secondary
5 school approved by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, passed
6 an approved equivalency test, or has graduated from a secondary school outside
7 Louisiana having comparable approval.

8 B. Each applicant for a license as a radiology practitioner assistant shall:

9 (1) Be registered with the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists.

10 (2) Possess valid and current certification in Advanced Cardiac Life Support.

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12 §3210. Examination; persons exempt

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14 E. The provisions of this Section shall apply only to radiologic technologists.

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16 §3211. Licensure of radiologic technologists

17 The board shall issue a license to each applicant who has successfully passed
18 the board examination or has otherwise been qualified ~~under~~ pursuant to the
19 provisions of this Chapter and authorize the use of the title "Licensed Radiologic
20 Technologist".

21 §3211.1. Licensure of radiology practitioner assistants

22 The board shall issue a license to each applicant who is qualified pursuant to
23 the provisions of this Chapter and authorize the use of the title "Licensed Radiology
24 Practitioner Assistant".

25 §3212. Licensing of radiologic technologists by reciprocity

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27 §3212.1. Licensing of radiology practitioner assistants by reciprocity

28 The board shall issue a license without examination to persons who are
29 licensed as radiology practitioner assistants under the laws of other states provided

1 that the standards under which they were licensed are at least as stringent as those
2 established by the board.

3 §3213. Necessity of license of radiologic technologists; prohibited acts

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5 §3214. Licensure of radiologic technologists; persons exempt

6 The requirements of a radiologic technologist license shall not apply to:

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8 §3216. Reinstatement of license

9 ~~A radiologic technologist~~ Every person whose license has lapsed and who has
10 ceased activities ~~as a radiologic technologist in his profession~~ for not more than five
11 years may have his license reinstated upon payment of the renewal fee as provided
12 for in R.S. 37:3218 and upon submission of evidence satisfactory to the board that
13 he has fulfilled continuing education requirements as promulgated by the board.

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15 §3219. Discipline; causes for censure, reprimand, suspension or revocation of
16 license

17 A. The board may suspend or revoke any license to practice as a radiologic
18 technologist ~~or a radiology practitioner assistant~~ or censure, reprimand, or otherwise
19 discipline a licensee upon proof that the person:

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21 (4) Has aided and abetted a person who is not a licensed radiologic
22 technologist or radiology practitioner assistant or otherwise authorized by this
23 Chapter to perform the duties of a license holder.

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DIGEST

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HB No. 1211

Abstract: Provides for licensure of radiology practitioner assistants.

Present law provides for a definition of "license".

Proposed law changes present law to provide that "license" means a certificate issued by the Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners ("board") authorizing the licensee to engage in practice as a radiologic technologist and radiology practitioner assistant.

Proposed law provides for the definitions of "radiology practitioner assistant" and "supervising radiologist".

Proposed law allows the board to examine, license, renew licenses of, and issue temporary working permits to duly qualified applicants for licensure as radiology practitioner assistants.

Present law allows the board to establish a code of ethics for radiologic technologists.

Proposed law retains present law but includes radiology practitioner assistants.

Proposed law provides that qualifications for a radiology practitioner assistant be as follows:

- (1) At least 18 years of age.
- (2) Has successfully completed a four-year course of study in a secondary school approved by the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, passed an approved equivalency test, or have graduated from a secondary school outside Louisiana having comparable approval.

Proposed law provides that each applicant for a license as a radiology practitioner assistant shall be registered with the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists and possess valid and current certification in Advanced Cardiac Life Support.

Proposed law authorizes the board to issue a license to each applicant who is qualified and authorize the use of the title "Licensed Radiology Practitioner Assistant".

Proposed law authorizes the board to issue a license without examination to persons who are licensed as radiology practitioner assistants under the laws of other states provided that the standards under which they were licensed are at least as stringent as those established by the board.

Present law provides for discipline of radiologic technologist by the board.

Proposed law retains present law but includes discipline of radiology practitioner assistants.

(Amends R.S. 37:3200(2)(intro. para.), 3207(B)(1), 3208(A)(intro. para.), 3211, 3212, 3213, 3214(intro. para.), 3216, 3219(A)(intro. para.) and (4); Adds R.S. 37:3200(11) and (12), 3207(A)(8), 3208.1, 3210(E), 3211.1, and 3212.1)