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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

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RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGISTS

Introduced By: Representatives Marshall, Shekarchi, Ucci, and O'Brien

Date Introduced: May 20, 2016

Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 5-68.1-8 of the General Laws in Chapter 5-68.1 entitled
2 "Radiologic Technologists" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **5-68.1-8. Other licensing provisions.** -- (a) Each radiologic technologist license issued
4 by the director shall only specify one category of radiologic technology. An individual qualified
5 to practice more than one category of radiologic technology shall submit a separate application
6 for each category to be licensed. Each radiologic technologist license issued by the director shall
7 indicate, as appropriate, that the individual is a licensed radiographer, a licensed nuclear medicine
8 technologist, a licensed radiation therapist, or other category of radiologic technology license
9 established by the director pursuant to subsection 5-68.1-5(c).

10 (b) Unless licensed as a radiologic technologist pursuant to this chapter, no individual
11 shall use any title or abbreviation to indicate that the individual is a licensed radiologic
12 technologist.

13 (1) An individual holding a license as a radiographer may use the title "Licensed
14 Radiologic Technologist-Radiographer" or the letters "LRT-R" after his or her name.

15 (2) An individual holding a license as a radiation therapy technologist may use the title
16 "Licensed Radiologic Technologist-Therapy" or the letters "LRT-T" after his or her name.

17 (3) An individual holding a license as a nuclear medicine technologist may use the title
18 "Licensed Radiologic Technologist-Nuclear Medicine" or the letters "LRT-N" after his or her
19 name.

1 (4) [Deleted by P.L. 2015, ch. 141, art. 20, § 12].

2 (c) A valid license issued pursuant to this chapter shall be carried on the person of the
3 radiologic technologist while performing the duties for which the license is required.

4 (d) Licenses, with the exception of initial licenses, shall be issued for a period of two (2)
5 years.

6 (e) The director shall promulgate rules and regulations which specify a renewal date for
7 all licenses issued pursuant to this chapter.

8 (f) The director shall promulgate rules and regulations which specify the minimum
9 continuing education credits required for renewal of a radiologic technologist license. Failure to
10 attest to completion of the minimum continuing education credits shall constitute grounds for
11 revocation, suspension or refusal to renew the license.

12 (g) Notwithstanding the requirements of subsection (f) of this section, an individual who
13 was initially licensed as a radiologic technologist (radiographer) prior to December 10, 2012, and
14 who did not use a national certification to document the required education and experience to
15 obtain the license, is only required to certify satisfactory completion of at least twenty-four (24)
16 hours of Category A or Category B continuing education courses, clinics, lectures, training
17 programs, seminars, or other programs related to the licensee's specific license category, and
18 subject to the following additional requirements:

19 (1) At least two (2) of the twenty-four (24) credits of continuing education must be
20 specifically related to radiation protection.

21 (2) At least twelve (12) of the twenty-four (24) credits of continuing education must be
22 completed within Category A, Formal Programs as follows:

23 (i) Programs reviewed and approved by a Recognized Continuing Education Evaluation
24 Mechanism (RCEEM);

25 (ii) Activities meeting American Registry of Radiologic Technologist's (ARRT) or the
26 Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board's (NMTCB) definition of an Approved
27 Academic Course;

28 (iii) Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) training approved by the American Red
29 Cross or the American Heart Association;

30 (iv) Activities which have been approved by the American Medical Association (AMA
31 Category I) or the American Nurses Association (ANA) through the American Nurses
32 Credentialing Center (ANCC) as long as they are relevant to the radiologic sciences; or

33 (v) Activities approved by another state licensing board which meet ARRT or NMTCB
34 criteria.

1 (3) Category B programs are any legitimate continuing education activity relevant to the
2 radiologic sciences that are not a Category A, Formal Program, and meet the definition of a
3 continuing education activity of the ARRT or the NMTCB.

4 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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1 This act would establish a continuing education requirement for renewal of those
2 radiologic technologists (radiographers) initially licensed prior to December 10, 2012 without a
3 national certification documenting the required education and experience.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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