

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 949

BY REPRESENTATIVE COATES

HEALTH CARE/PROVIDERS: Provides relative to the Louisiana State Radiologic
Technology Board of Examiners

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 37:3207(A)(2) and (4), and (B)(1) and (2), 3208(A)(introductory
3 paragraph) and (B), 3211 through 3213, 3216, 3218, and 3219(A)(1), (2), (4), (5),
4 and (8) and (B), to enact R.S. 37:3200(13) through (15), 3208(C), 3210(E) and (F),
5 and 3219(A)(11), and to repeal R.S. 37:3210(B) and 3221, relative to the Louisiana
6 State Radiological Technology Board of Examiners; to provide for definitions; to
7 provide for duties and powers of the board; to provide for qualifications of
8 applicants; to provide for examinations; to provide for licensure; to provide for
9 licensing by reciprocity; to provide for necessity of a license or permit; to provide
10 for a reinstatement of a license or permit; to provide for fees; to provide for
11 discipline; and to provide for related matters.

12 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

13 Section 1. R.S. 37:3207(A)(2) and (4), and (B)(1) and (2), 3208(A)(introductory
14 paragraph) and (B), 3211 through 3213, 3216, 3218, and 3219(A)(1), (2), (4), (5), and (8)
15 and (B) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 37:3200(13) through (15), 3208(C),
16 3210(E) and (F), and 3219(A)(11) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

17 §3200. Definitions

18 As used in this Chapter:

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2 §3208. Qualifications of applicants

3 A. An applicant for licensure or limited purpose permit ~~under~~ in accordance
4 with the provisions of this Chapter ~~must~~ shall verify by oath or affirmation that he
5 is all of the following:

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7 B. Each applicant for a license or temporary permit as a radiologic
8 technologist shall have successfully completed a course of study in radiography,
9 radiation therapy technology, fusion technology, ~~or~~ nuclear medicine technology, or
10 radiologist assistant approved by the board in accordance with standards
11 promulgated by the board.

12 C. For licensure as a radiologist assistant, the board shall require that the
13 applicant hold current certification as a registered radiologist assistant from the
14 American Registry of Radiologic Technologists.

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16 §3210. Examination; persons exempt

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18 E. Upon application and payment for a limited purpose permit, the board
19 may issue an initial temporary permit to any person meeting the education, training,
20 examination, and competency criteria for the applicable limited purpose permit as
21 outlined in the rule.

22 F. For the purposes of a temporary permit to practice as a radiologist
23 assistant, an applicant shall hold current certification as Radiologic Technologist
24 from the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists and shall have successfully
25 completed a course of study in Radiologist Assistant approved by the board.

26 §3211. Licensure

27 The board shall issue a license to and authorize the use of the title "Licensed
28 Radiologic Technologist" or "Licensed Radiologic Assistant" by each applicant who
29 has successfully passed the certification examination or has otherwise been qualified

1 ~~under~~ pursuant to the provisions of this Chapter and has paid all fees required by this
2 Chapter.

3 §3212. Licensing by reciprocity

4 The board shall issue a license without examination to persons who are
5 licensed as radiologic technologists or radiologist assistants under the laws of other
6 states provided that the standards under which they were licensed are at least as
7 stringent as those established by the board.

8 §3213. Necessity of license or permit; prohibited acts

9 A. No person shall assume or use the title or designation of "Licensed
10 Radiologic Technologist" or "Licensed Radiologist Assistant" unless he holds a
11 current license issued to him in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter.

12 B. No person, other than a licensed practitioner, dental hygienist, dental
13 assistant, chiropractor's assistant, person who performs diagnostic or therapeutic
14 radiological examination or treatment, or both, in a private office of a physician or
15 in a clinic performing such activities under the direct supervision of a physician, ~~or~~
16 a radiologic technologist, radiologist assistant, or temporary or limited purpose
17 permit holder licensed or permitted ~~under~~ pursuant to this Chapter, shall use ionizing
18 radiation or equipment emitting or detecting ionizing radiation on humans for
19 diagnostic or therapeutic purposes.

20 C. No person shall knowingly employ as a radiologic technologist,
21 radiologist assistant, or limited purpose permit holder, any person required by the
22 provisions of this Chapter to hold a license or temporary or limited purpose permit
23 who does not hold a license or temporary or limited purpose permit ~~under~~ pursuant
24 to this Chapter.

25 D. No person holding a license or temporary or limited purpose permit ~~under~~
26 pursuant to this Chapter shall use radioactive substances or equipment emitting or
27 detecting ionizing radiation on humans for diagnostic or therapeutic purposes unless
28 under the direction and supervision of a licensed practitioner and unless so directed

1 by prescription of a licensed practitioner. This Subsection shall not apply to a
2 radiologist assistant, who shall practice only as provided in R.S. 37:3213(F).

3 E. Radiation safety officer duties are not to be delegated and are prohibited
4 to be performed by a licensed or limited purpose permit holder pursuant to the
5 Chapter. The RSO is responsible for ensuring that any use of radioactive materials
6 or radiation-producing equipment is carried out safely and in compliance with
7 regulations.

8 F. A radiologist assistant shall perform advanced imaging procedures only
9 when delegated by and conducted under the direct supervision of a radiologist.
10 Radiologist assistants shall not interpret, diagnose, or prescribe medications or
11 therapies.

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13 §3216. Reinstatement of license or limited purpose permit

14 ~~A radiologic technologist~~ An individual whose license has lapsed and who
15 has ceased activities as ~~a radiologic technologist~~ licensee or permittee for not more
16 than five years may have his license or limited purpose permit reinstated upon
17 payment of the renewal fee as provided for in R.S. 37:3218 and upon submission of
18 evidence satisfactory to the board that he has fulfilled continuing education
19 requirements as promulgated by the board.

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21 §3218. Fees

22 ~~A. The board shall promulgate, in accordance with the Administrative~~
23 ~~Procedure Act, a reasonable fee schedule for the issuance, renewal, or reinstatement~~
24 ~~of any license or permit, for administration of examinations for licensure, or for any~~
25 ~~other administrative function provided for in this Chapter. The fee schedule may be~~
26 ~~modified from time to time as deemed necessary by the board. The board shall~~
27 charge and collect fees the following fees:

28 (1) An initial license fee for two years not to exceed two hundred fifty
29 dollars.

- 1 (2) A duplicate license fee not exceed fifty dollars per issuance.
- 2 (3) A biennial renewal of license fee not to exceed two hundred fifty dollars
3 per renewal.
- 4 (4) A temporary or limited purpose permit fee not exceed seventy-five
5 dollars per permit issuance.
- 6 (5) A permit renewal not to exceed two hundred fifty dollars per renewal.
- 7 (6) A delinquency fee in addition to the regular renewal fee not to exceed
8 two hundred dollars.
- 9 (7) A reinstatement of expired license at twenty-five dollars per month of
10 expiration not to exceed three hundred dollars.
- 11 (8) A reinstatement after suspension or revocation fee in addition to the
12 standard renewal fee not exceed five hundred dollars per case.
- 13 (9) A dishonored payment processing fee not to exceed one hundred dollars
14 per occurrence.
- 15 (10) An electronic or credit card transaction fee not to exceed the actual cost
16 incurred.
- 17 (11) An fee for photocopies of documents not to exceed fifty cents per page.
- 18 (12) A creation or provision of electronic data or service fee not exceed the
19 actual cost incurred.
- 20 (13) An official licensee mailing list fee not exceed three hundred per
21 request.
- 22 (14) An official verification of licensure or permit fee not to exceed fifty
23 dollars per request.
- 24 (15) A postage, mailing, shipping, handling, and other related costs fee not
25 to exceed the actual costs incurred.
- 26 (16) A subpoena or duces tecum issuance fee not to exceed thirty dollars per
27 issuance.
- 28 (17) Administrative hearing, judicial review, or investigative costs not to
29 exceed the actual costs incurred.

Proposed law provides that for licensure as a radiologist assistant, the board shall require that the applicant hold current certification as a registered radiologist assistant from the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists.

Proposed law provides that upon application and payment for a limited purpose permit, the board may issue an initial temporary permit to any person meeting the education, training, examination, and competency criteria for the applicable limited purpose permit as outlined in the rule.

Proposed law provides that for the purposes of a temporary permit to practice as a radiologist assistant, an applicant shall hold current certification as Radiologic Technologist from the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists and shall have successfully completed a course of study in Radiologist Assistant approved by the board.

Present law provides that the board shall issue a license to and authorize the use of the title "Licensed Radiologic Technologist" by each applicant who has successfully passed the certification examination or has otherwise been qualified under the provisions of present law and has paid all fees required by present law.

Proposed law adds the title "Licensed Radiologic Assistant".

Present law provides that the board shall issue a license without examination to persons who are licensed as radiologic technologists or radiologist 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.

Proposed law adds radiologist assistants to present law.

Present law provides that no person shall assume or use the title or designation of "Licensed Radiologic Technologist" unless he holds a current license issued to him in accordance with the provisions of present law.

Proposed law adds "Licensed Radiologist Assistant" to present law.

Present law provides that no person, other than a licensed practitioner, dental hygienist, dental assistant, chiropractor's assistant, person who performs diagnostic or therapeutic radiological examination or treatment, or both, in a private office of a physician or in a clinic performing such activities under the direct supervision of a physician, or a radiologic technologist under present law, shall use ionizing radiation or equipment emitting or detecting ionizing radiation on humans for diagnostic or therapeutic purposes.

Proposed law instead provides that no person, other than a licensed practitioner, dental hygienist, dental assistant, chiropractor's assistant, person who performs diagnostic or therapeutic radiological examination or treatment, or both, in a private office of a physician or in a clinic performing such activities under the direct supervision of a physician, a radiologic technologist, radiologist assistant, or temporary or limited purpose permit holder licensed or permitted pursuant to present and proposed law, shall use ionizing radiation or equipment emitting or detecting ionizing radiation on humans for diagnostic or therapeutic purposes.

Present law provides that no person shall knowingly employ as a radiologic technologist, any person required by the provisions of present law to hold a license who does not hold a license under this present law.

Proposed law instead provides that no person shall knowingly employ as a radiologic technologist, radiologist assistant, or limited purpose permit holder, any person required by the provisions of present and proposed law to hold a license or temporary or limited purpose

permit who does not hold a license or temporary or limited purpose permit pursuant to this present and proposed law.

Present law provides that no person holding a license under present law shall use radioactive substances or equipment emitting or detecting ionizing radiation on humans for diagnostic or therapeutic purposes unless under the direction and supervision of a licensed practitioner and unless so directed by prescription of a licensed practitioner.

Proposed law instead provides that no person holding a license or temporary or limited purpose permit pursuant to this present and proposed law shall use radioactive substances or equipment emitting or detecting ionizing radiation on humans for diagnostic or therapeutic purposes unless under the direction and supervision of a licensed practitioner and unless so directed by prescription of a licensed practitioner. Proposed law further provides that proposed law shall not apply to a radiologist assistant.

Proposed law provides that radiation safety officer duties are not to be delegated and are prohibited to be performed by a licensed or limited purpose permit holder pursuant to proposed law. The RSO is responsible for ensuring that any use of radioactive materials or radiation-producing equipment is carried out safely and in compliance with regulations.

Proposed law provides that a radiologist assistant shall perform advanced imaging procedures only when delegated by and conducted under the direct supervision of a radiologist. Radiologist assistants shall not interpret, diagnose, or prescribe medications or therapies.

Present law provides that a radiologic technologist whose license has lapsed and who has ceased activities as a radiologic technologist for not more than five years may have his license reinstated upon payment of the renewal fee as provided for in present law and upon submission of evidence satisfactory to the board that he has fulfilled continuing education requirements as promulgated by the board.

Proposed law amends present law to instead provide that an individual whose license has lapsed and who has ceased activities as licensee or permittee for not more than five years may have his license or limited purpose permit reinstated upon payment of the renewal fee as provided for in present and proposed law and upon submission of evidence satisfactory to the board that he has fulfilled continuing education requirements as promulgated by the board.

Present law provides that the board shall promulgate a reasonable fee schedule for the issuance, renewal, or reinstatement of any license or permit, for administration of examinations for licensure, or for any other administrative function provided for in present law. The fee schedule may be modified from time to time as deemed necessary by the board.

Proposed law repeals present law and instead provides for fee amounts in proposed law.

Proposed law provides that the board shall set the appropriate fees by rule not to exceed the amount outlined in proposed law.

Present law provides that the board may suspend or revoke any license to practice as a radiologic technologist or censure, reprimand, or otherwise discipline a licensee which includes upon proof that the person:

- (1) Is guilty of fraud or deceit in the procurement or holding of the license.
- (2) Has been convicted of a felony in a court of competent jurisdiction, either within or outside of this state, unless the conviction has been reversed and the holder of the

license discharged and acquitted; or if the holder has been pardoned with full restoration of civil rights, in which case the license shall be restored.

- (3) Has aided and abetted a person who is not a licensed radiologic technologist or otherwise authorized by to perform the duties of a license holder.
- (4) Has undertaken or engaged in any practice beyond the scope of duties permitted a license holder under present law.
- (5) Is or has been found guilty of incompetence or negligence in his performance as a license holder.

Proposed law instead provides that the board may suspend or revoke any license or temporary or limited purpose permit to practice or censure, reprimand, or otherwise discipline a licensee or permittee which includes upon proof that the person:

- (1) Is guilty of fraud or deceit in the procurement or holding of the license or temporary or limited purpose permit.
- (2) Has been convicted of a felony in a court of competent jurisdiction, either within or outside of this state, unless the conviction has been reversed and the holder of the license or temporary or limited purpose permit discharged and acquitted; or if the holder has been pardoned with full restoration of civil rights, in which case the license or temporary or limited purpose permit shall be restored.
- (3) Has trained, aided, and abetted a person who is not a licensed or temporary or limited purpose permitted or otherwise authorized by present and proposed law to perform the duties of a license or temporary or limited purpose permit holder.
- (4) Has undertaken or engaged in any practice beyond the scope of duties permitted a license holder pursuant to this present and proposed law.
- (5) Is or has been found guilty of incompetence or negligence in his performance as a license or temporary or limited purpose permit holder.
- (6) Has interpreted images, rendered diagnoses, or prescribed medications or therapies.

Present law provides that proceedings against the holder of a license under this present law shall be instituted in compliance with the provisions of the APA.

Proposed law amends present law to provide that proceedings against the holder of a license or temporary or limited purpose permit pursuant to present and proposed law shall be instituted in compliance with the provisions of the APA.

Present law provides that for a period not to exceed one year from the effective date of present law, upon application and the payment of a fee equivalent to that required for the written examination and initial licensing fee, the board shall issue a license, without examination, to any person who has been employed for a minimum of two years of the immediately preceding five years as a radiographer, nuclear medicine technologist, or radiation therapy technologist.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Present law provides for clinical experience requirements for ARRT CT examination.

Proposed law repeals present law.

(Amends R.S. 37:3207(A)(2) and (4), and (B)(1) and (2), 3208(A)(intro. para.) and (B), 3211-3213, 3216, 3218, and 3219(A)(1), (2), (4), (5), and (8) and (B): Adds R.S. 37:3200(13)-(15), 3208(C), 3210(E) and (F), and 3219(A)(11); Repeals R.S. 37:3210(B) and 3221)