
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides relative to the La. State Radiological Technology Board of Examiners

Present law provides for definitions.

Proposed law adds the definitions of "limited purpose permit ", "radiologist assistant", and "Radiation safety officer" or "RSO".

Present law provides that the board shall examine, license, renew licenses of, and issue temporary working permits to duly qualified applicants for licensure as radiologic technologists and conduct hearings upon charges calling for discipline of a licensee.

Proposed law instead provides that the board shall examine, license, renew licenses of, permit, renew permits of and issue temporary working permits to duly qualified applicants for licensure or permit as radiologic technologists, nuclear technologists, radiation therapy technologists, fusion technologists, limited purpose permit holders and radiologist assistants and conduct hearings upon charges calling for discipline of a licensee or permittee.

Present law provides that the board may establish a code of ethics for radiologic technologists and continuing education requirements for license or renewal.

Proposed law instead provides that the board may establish a code of ethics for license or limited purpose permit holders and continuing education requirements for license or limited purpose permit renewal.

Present law provides for what an applicant for licensure shall verify by oath or affirmation.

Proposed law adds that present law applies to a limited purpose permit.

Present law provides that each applicant for a license as a radiologic technologist shall have successfully completed a course of study in radiography, radiation therapy technology, fusion technology, or nuclear medicine technology, approved by the board in accordance with standards promulgated by the board.

Proposed law adds that each applicant for a license or temporary permit as a radiologic technologist shall have successfully completed a course of study in radiography, radiation therapy technology, fusion technology, nuclear medicine technology, or radiologist assistant approved by the board in

accordance with standards promulgated by the board.

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)