

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)(introductory paragraph), (1), and
3 (2), 3208(A)(introductory paragraph) and (B), 3211 through 3213, 3216, 3218, and
4 3219(A)(introductory paragraph), (1), (2), (4), (5), and (8) and (B), to enact R.S.
5 37:3200(13) and (14), 3207(C) and (D), 3208(C), 3210(E), and 3219(A)(11), and to
6 repeal R.S. 37:3210(B) and 3221, relative to the Louisiana State Radiologic
7 Technology Board of Examiners; to provide for definitions; to provide for duties and
8 powers of the board; to provide for qualifications of applicants; to provide for
9 examinations; to provide for licensure; to provide for licensing by reciprocity; to
10 provide for necessity of a license or permit; to provide for a reinstatement of a
11 license or permit; to provide for fees; to provide for discipline; and to provide for
12 related matters.

13 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

14 Section 1. R.S. 37:3207(A)(2) and (4) and (B)(introductory paragraph), (1), and (2),
15 3208(A)(introductory paragraph) and (B), 3211 through 3213, 3216, 3218, and
16 3219(A)(introductory paragraph), (1), (2), (4), (5), and (8) and (B) are hereby amended and
17 reenacted and R.S. 37:3200(13) and (14), 3207(C) and (D), 3208(C), 3210(E), and
18 3219(A)(11) are hereby enacted to read as follows:

19 §3200. Definitions

20 As used in this Chapter:

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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 licensed ~~under pursuant to~~ this Chapter, shall use ionizing
17 radiation or equipment emitting or detecting ionizing radiation on humans for
18 diagnostic or therapeutic purposes.

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

24 D. No person holding a license or temporary or limited purpose permit ~~under~~
25 pursuant to this Chapter shall use radioactive substances or equipment emitting or
26 detecting ionizing radiation on humans for diagnostic or therapeutic purposes unless
27 under the direction and supervision of a licensed practitioner and unless so directed
28 by prescription of a licensed practitioner. This Subsection shall not apply to a

1 radiologist assistant, who shall practice only as provided in Subsection E of this
2 Section.

3 E. A radiologist assistant shall perform advanced imaging procedures
4 specifically authorized by the board only when delegated by and conducted under the
5 direct supervision of a radiologist. A radiologist assistant shall not interpret,
6 diagnose, or prescribe medications or therapies.

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8 §3216. Reinstatement of license or limited purpose permit

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

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16 §3218. Fees

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

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

25 (2) A duplicate license fee not to exceed fifty dollars per issuance.

26 (3) A biennial license renewal fee not to exceed two hundred fifty dollars per
27 renewal.

28 (4) A temporary or limited purpose permit fee not to exceed seventy-five
29 dollars per permit issuance.

1 (5) A permit renewal not to exceed two hundred fifty dollars per renewal.

2 (6) A delinquency fee in addition to the regular renewal fee not to exceed
3 two hundred dollars.

4 (7) A fee for the reinstatement of an expired license of twenty-five dollars
5 per month of expiration not to exceed three hundred dollars.

6 (8) A reinstatement after suspension or revocation fee in addition to the
7 standard renewal fee not to exceed five hundred dollars per case.

8 (9) A dishonored payment processing fee not to exceed one hundred dollars
9 per occurrence.

10 (10) An electronic or credit card transaction fee not to exceed the actual cost
11 incurred.

12 (11) A fee for photocopies of documents not to exceed fifty cents per page.

13 (12) A creation or provision of electronic data or service fee not to exceed
14 the actual cost incurred.

15 (13) An official licensee mailing list fee not to exceed three hundred dollars
16 per request.

17 (14) An official verification of licensure or permit fee not to exceed fifty
18 dollars per request.

19 (15) A postage, mailing, shipping, handling, and other related costs fee not
20 to exceed the actual costs incurred.

21 (16) A subpoena or duces tecum issuance fee not to exceed thirty dollars per
22 issuance.

23 (17) Administrative hearing, judicial review, or investigative costs not to
24 exceed the actual costs incurred.

25 B. All fees collected pursuant to the provisions of this Section shall be paid
26 to the secretary-treasurer of the board and shall be used to carry out the purposes of
27 this Chapter. The board shall set the appropriate fees by rule not to exceed the
28 amount outlined in Subsection A of this Section.

1 §3219. Discipline; causes for censure, reprimand, suspension or revocation of
2 license or temporary or limited purpose permit

3 A. The board may suspend or revoke any license or temporary or limited
4 purpose permit to practice ~~as a radiologic technologist~~ or censure, reprimand, or
5 otherwise discipline a licensee or permittee upon proof that the person:

6 (1) Is guilty of fraud or deceit in the procurement or holding of the license
7 or temporary or limited purpose permit.

8 (2) Has been convicted of a felony in a court of competent jurisdiction, either
9 within or outside of this state, unless the conviction has been reversed and the holder
10 of the license or temporary or limited purpose permit holder discharged and
11 acquitted; or if the holder has been pardoned with full restoration of civil rights, in
12 which case the license or temporary or limited purpose permit shall be restored.

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14 (4) ~~Has aided and abetted a person who is not a licensed radiologic~~
15 ~~technologist or otherwise authorized by this Chapter to perform the duties of a~~
16 ~~license holder.~~ Has knowingly trained, aided, abetted, or permitted a person who is
17 not licensed, permitted, or otherwise authorized, in accordance with this Chapter, to
18 perform duties requiring a license or permit in accordance with this Chapter.

19 (5) Has undertaken or engaged in any practice beyond the scope of duties
20 permitted a license holder ~~under~~ pursuant to this Chapter.

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22 (8) Is or has been found guilty of incompetence or negligence in his
23 performance as a license or temporary or limited purpose permit holder.

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25 (11) Has interpreted images, rendered diagnoses, or prescribed medications
26 or therapies.

27 B. Proceedings against the holder of a license or temporary or limited
28 purpose permit ~~under~~ pursuant to this Chapter shall be instituted in compliance with

1 the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act as contained in R.S. 49:950, et
2 seq.

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4 Section 2. R.S. 37:3210(B) and 3221 are hereby repealed in their entirety.

DIGEST

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument. The keyword, one-liner, abstract, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

HB 949 Reengrossed 2026 Regular Session Coates

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" and "radiologist assistant."

Present law requires the board to 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 requires the board to examine, license, renew licenses of, issue permits, renew permits of, and issue temporary working permits to duly qualified applicants for licensure or permit as radiologic technologists, nuclear medicine 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 authorizes the board to establish a code of ethics for radiologic technologists and continuing education requirements for licensure or renewal.

Proposed law adds that present law extends to individuals permitted by the board.

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

Proposed law adds that present law applies to individuals permitted by the board.

Present law requires that each applicant for a license as a radiologic technologist to 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 present law extends to individuals permitted by the board.

Proposed law prohibits the board from expanding the scope of practice of radiologist assistants or limited purpose permit holders beyond the duties authorized by present law and proposed law.

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

Proposed law provides that each applicant for a temporary permit to practice as a radiologist assistant shall have successfully completed an educational program for radiologist assistants.

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

Proposed law adds the title "Licensed Radiologist Assistant" and otherwise retains present law.

Present law requires the board to 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 in accordance with present law.

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

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

Proposed law adds that present law extends to temporary or limited purpose permit holders.

Present law prohibits a person holding a license under present law from using 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 pursuant to a prescription from a licensed practitioner.

Proposed law adds that present law extends to temporary or limited purpose permit holders.

Proposed law requires a radiologist assistant to perform advanced imaging procedures only when delegated by and conducted under the direct supervision of a radiologist. Proposed law further provides that a radiologist assistant shall not interpret images, render diagnoses, or prescribe medications or therapies.

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

Proposed law adds that present law extends to temporary or limited purpose permit holders.

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

Proposed law repeals present law and instead allows the board, at its discretion, to charge and collect fee amounts provided for in proposed law.

Proposed law requires the board to set appropriate fees by rule, not to exceed the amounts specified in proposed law.

Present law provides that the board may suspend or revoke any license to practice as a radiologic technologist or otherwise discipline a licensee under certain circumstances.

Proposed law adds that present law extends to temporary or limited purpose permit holders.

Proposed law provides that a licensee or permittee may be disciplined for knowingly assisting a person in performing activities requiring a license issued by the board.

Proposed law further provides that a licensee or permittee may be disciplined for interpreting images, rendering diagnoses, or prescribing medications or therapies in violation of law.

Present law provides that proceedings against a license holder shall be instituted in accordance with present law.

Proposed law adds that present law extends to temporary or limited purpose permit holders.

Present law provides that, for a period not to exceed one year from the effective date of present law, the board shall issue a license without examination to certain qualified applicants meeting specified work experience requirements.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Present law provides for clinical experience requirements for national certification.

Proposed law repeals present law.

(Amends R.S. 37:3207(A)(2) and (4) and (B)(intro. para.), (1) and (2), 3208(A)(intro. para.) and (B), 3211-3213, 3216, 3218, and 3219(A)(intro. para.), (1), (2), (4), (5), and (8) and (B); Adds R.S. 37:3200(13) and (14), 3207(C) and (D), 3208(C), 3210(E), and 3219(A)(11); Repeals R.S. 37:3210(B) and 3221)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill:

1. Provide for temporary and limited purpose permits issued by the board.
2. Provide for the scope of the board.
3. Clarify provisions relative to temporary permits for radiologist assistants.
4. Restore language relative to exceptions to licensing by the board for certain healthcare professionals.
5. Provide for prohibited acts.
6. Provide for the authority of the board over private radiological technologists.
7. Make technical corrections.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Make the collection of board fees discretionary.
2. Make technical changes.