
DIGEST

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HB 949 Reengrossed

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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" 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.