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HOUSE BILL NO. 610

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RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGISTS: Provides relative to licensed radiologic technologists

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 37:3200(9), 3205(B), 3208(B), 3209, 3210(C) and (D), 3211,
3 and 3218, relative to radiologic technologists; to amend the definition of "radiologic
4 technologist"; to provide for meetings of the Louisiana Radiologic Technology
5 Board of Examiners; to provide for the qualification of applicants for licensure; to
6 require a certification examination; to require payment of fees prior to licensure; to
7 authorize the board to promulgate a fee schedule; to make technical changes; and to
8 provide for related matters.

9 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

10 Section 1. R.S. 37:3200(9), 3205(B), 3208(B), 3209, 3210(C) and (D), 3211, and
11 3218 are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

12 §3200. Definitions

13 As used in this Chapter:

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15 (9) "Radiologic technologist" means any person who is a radiographer, a
16 radiation therapy technologist, a fusion technologist, or a nuclear medicine
17 technologist licensed under this Chapter who under the direction and supervision of
18 a licensed practitioner applies radiation to humans upon prescription of a licensed
19 practitioner.

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1 §3205. Meetings; quorum

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3 B. The board, for administrative purposes, shall meet ~~in Baton Rouge,~~
4 Louisiana at a time and place to be fixed by the board at least every three months and
5 at such other times as may be necessary.

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7 §3208. Qualifications of applicants

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

13 §3209. Examination

14 ~~A.~~ Each applicant for licensure shall be required to pass a ~~license~~
15 certification examination designated and approved by the board.

16 ~~B.~~ ~~The board shall hold an examination at least every six months at such~~
17 ~~times and in such localities within the state of Louisiana as the board may consider~~
18 ~~necessary and appropriate.~~

19 ~~C.~~ ~~An applicant who fails to pass the examination may reapply for the~~
20 ~~examination provided the applicant complies with the regulations established by the~~
21 ~~board.~~

22 ~~D.~~ ~~Each application for examination for licensure shall be accompanied by~~
23 ~~the fee prescribed by the board.~~

24 §3210. Examination; persons exempt

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26 C. Upon application and payment for examination for initial licensure, the
27 board may issue a working permit to any graduate of an approved school who meets
28 the qualifications for licensure as provided in R.S. 37:3208 pending results of the

1 first ~~licensing~~ certification examination ~~scheduled by the board~~ following the
2 applicant's graduation.

3 D. Upon application and payment for licensure, the board may issue a
4 temporary permit to any person who holds a certificate from the American Registry
5 of Radiologic Technologists, the American Society of Clinical Pathologists, (NM)
6 or the Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board issued on the basis of an
7 examination satisfactory to the board, provided that standards of the issuing body are
8 at least as stringent as those established by the board. This permit shall be valid for
9 a period not to exceed ninety days.

10 §3211. Licensure

11 The board shall issue a license to and authorize the use of the title "Licensed
12 Radiologic Technologist" by each applicant who has successfully passed the ~~board~~
13 certification examination or has otherwise been qualified under the provisions of this
14 Chapter ~~and authorize the use of the title "Licensed Radiologic Technologist" and~~
15 has paid all fees required by this Chapter.

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17 §3218. Fees

18 A. ~~Fees to be paid under this Chapter shall be as follows:~~

- 19 (1) ~~Examination and initial license fee~~ \$ 50.00
- 20 (2) ~~Duplicate license~~ 25.00
- 21 (3) ~~Renewal of license~~ 50.00
- 22 (4) ~~Temporary working permits~~ 10.00

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

1 B. All fees collected pursuant to the provisions of this Section shall be paid
 2 to the secretary-treasurer of the board and ~~disbursed for the purpose of administering~~
 3 shall be used to carry out the purposes of this Chapter.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Amends the provisions of law relative to the licensure of radiologic technologists.

Present law defines "radiologic technologist" as any person who is a radiographer, a radiation therapy technologist, or a nuclear medicine technologist licensed under present law who under the direction and supervision of a licensed practitioner applies radiation to humans upon prescription of a licensed practitioner.

Proposed law retains present law but adds a fusion technologist to the list of occupations that fall under the definition of "radiologic technologist".

Present law requires the La. Radiologic Technology Board of Examiners (board), for administrative purposes, to meet in Baton Rouge, La. at least every three months and at such other times as may be necessary.

Proposed law changes the meeting location from Baton Rouge to a time and place to be fixed by the board.

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

Proposed law retains present law but makes a technical change.

Present law requires each applicant for licensure to pass a license examination designated and approved by the board.

Proposed law changes the required examination from a license examination to a certification examination.

Present law requires the board to hold an examination at least every six months at such times and in such localities within the state of La. as the board may consider necessary and appropriate.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Present law provides that an applicant who fails to pass the examination may reapply for the examination if the applicant complies with the regulations established by the board.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Present law requires each application for examination for licensure to be accompanied by the fee prescribed by the board.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Present law authorizes the board, upon receiving an application for examination for initial licensure, to issue a working permit to any graduate of an approved school who meets the qualifications for licensure pending results of the first licensing examination scheduled by the board following the applicant's graduation.

Proposed law authorizes the board, upon receiving an application and payment for examination for initial licensure, to issue a working permit to any graduate of an approved school who meets the qualifications for licensure pending results of the first certification examination following the applicant's graduation.

Present law authorizes the board, upon application for licensure, to issue a temporary permit, valid for a period not to exceed 90 days, to any person who holds a certificate from the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists, the American Society of Clinical Pathologists, (NM) or the Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board issued on the basis of an examination satisfactory to the board, provided that standards of the issuing body are at least as stringent as those established by the board.

Proposed law retains present law but adds the requirement that the applicant pay the applicable fees for licensure prior to the issuance of the temporary permit.

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

Proposed law retains present law but requires all fees to be paid by the applicant prior to the issuance of the license and makes technical changes.

Present law provides that fees to be paid under present law shall be as follows:

- (1) Examination and initial license fee \$ 50.00
- (2) Duplicate license 25.00
- (3) Renewal of license 50.00
- (4) Temporary working permits 10.00

Proposed law repeals present law and requires the board to establish by administrative rule 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 proposed law. Present law authorizes the fee schedule to be modified from time to time as deemed necessary by the board.

Present law requires all fees collected to be paid to the secretary-treasurer of the board and disbursed for the purpose of administering present law.

Proposed law retains present law but makes technical changes.

(Amends R.S. 37:3200(9), 3205(B), 3208(B), 3209, 3210(C) and (D), 3211, and 3218)