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An Act to Certify Chiropractic Assistants Who Perform X-rays as Radiologic Technologists

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Clerk

Presented by Representative WADSWORTH of Hiram.
Cosponsored by Representatives: CIMINO of Bridgton, MORRIS of Turner, Senators:
BENNETT of Oxford, HAGGAN of Penobscot, MARTIN of Oxford.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §559** is enacted to read:

3 **§559. Radiologic technologist certification**

4 **1. Certification required.** In addition to being licensed under section 556, an
5 individual employed in a chiropractic office whose duties include the production of x-rays
6 and who is not licensed under subchapter 3 must be certified by the board as a radiologic
7 technologist under this section.

8 **2. Requirements.** The requirements for an individual to be certified by the board as
9 a radiologic technologist under this section include that the individual:

10 A. Possesses a valid license under section 556;

11 B. Satisfactorily completes a board-approved course in radiologic technology that
12 satisfies the standards of care governing the production of x-rays, including:

13 (1) At least 50 hours of instruction; and

14 (2) Sufficient instruction in:

15 (a) Physics and equipment of radiographic imaging;

16 (b) Principles of radiographic exposure;

17 (c) Radiographic protection;

18 (d) Anatomy and physiology; and

19 (e) Radiographic positioning and procedure;

20 C. Passes a proficiency examination in radiologic technology developed and
21 administered by or under the authority of the board; and

22 D. Pays a fee not to exceed \$100 under section 558.

23 A person registered as active with the American Chiropractic Registry of Radiologic
24 Technologists or a successor organization meets the requirements of paragraphs B and C.

25 **3. Renewal.** A certificate issued under subsection 1 expires at the end of the calendar
26 year in which it is issued. A certificate holder may renew the holder's certificate upon:

27 A. Completion and submission of a renewal application form approved by the board;

28 B. Completion of board-approved continuing radiologic technology education during
29 the year; and

30 C. Payment of a fee not to exceed \$100 under section 558.

31 A certificate may be renewed under this section within 24 months of expiration if the
32 certificate holder completes the requirements of paragraph B for or attributed to each
33 calendar year that the certificate was expired. If a certificate has been expired for more
34 than 24 months, the certificate may be renewed if the certificate holder completes the
35 requirements of paragraph A and subsection 2, paragraph C.

36 **4. Display of certificate.** A certificate issued under this section must be displayed in
37 the area of the chiropractic office where x-ray production is performed by the certificate
38 holder and in a manner that is viewable by a patient.

1 **5. Violation.** An individual who violates this section, including an individual licensed
2 under subchapter 3 who allows a violation of this section to occur, is subject to disciplinary
3 sanctions under section 503-B, subsection 4.

4 **6. Rules.** The board shall adopt rules to carry out the purposes of this section,
5 including the provision of continuing radiologic technology education for the purposes of
6 subsection 3, paragraph B. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical
7 rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

8 **SUMMARY**

9 This bill requires the certification of radiologic technologists who produce x-rays while
10 employed as licensed chiropractic assistants. Certification requirements include
11 satisfactory completion of a radiologic technology course of instruction of at least 50 hours
12 and passing an examination approved by the Board of Chiropractic Licensure. The bill
13 also contains provisions for certificate renewal, continuing radiologic technology education
14 and violations for radiologic technologists.