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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed:

I'm writing in regards to the Sunset Bill and the licensure of Medical Radiologic Technologists in the state of Texas. The use of ionizing radiation in the medical field should only be used or administered by individuals who have had formal education. Many technical aspects are to be considered when properly exposing a patient to radiation for a medical examination. Licensed and nationally certified medical radiologic technologist go through a minimum of two years formal education at the college level to be knowledgeable in the physics and technical aspects of using the safest radiation dose possible to achieve high quality diagnostic images. These highly trained individuals also adhere to continuing education requirements to ensure that they are giving our communities the very best of care. In addition to the education to the safe use of radiation, Medical Radiologic Technologists are also skilled in patient care and perform therapeutic and diagnostic procedures on patients. These examinations should not be performed by someone that is not being held to high standards and licensed.

To discontinue the licensure of this profession would be a grave disservice to our families and loved ones. The potential harm to the public in taking away this licensure is alarming..

Please understand the severity and the safety implications to yourself and our loved ones if something of this nature was to occur. To not govern and license personnel using radiographic equipment is not wise.

Licensure and certification of Medical Radiologic Technologist in the state of Texas is imperative to ensure safe radiation practices.

Thank you for continuing to require that Medical Radiologic Technologists are licensed in the state of Texas.

Sincerely,

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Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Keep licensure of Medical Radiologic Technologists in the state of Texas.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree