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

I am extremely concerned about the idea doing away with the licensing requirement for Radiologic Technologists, Nuclear Medicine Technologist and Radiation Therapists. It is very important that you understand the consequences of your actions if you all indeed decide to do away with these state licenses.

Individuals that are licensed have shown that they possess the necessary educational requirements in insure that patients are exposed to the least amount of radiation possible to achieve high quality diagnostic images. With this knowledge they can take are the necessary actions to minimize exposure to ionizing radiation which is a known carcinogen.

Ask yourselves this question, Do I want someone with little to no knowledge of the effects of ionizing radiation to expose me or my family members to harmful doses? I certainly don't and neither should you.

By having a licensing mechanism in place, the state recognizes the need to insure that people exposing patients to ionizing radiation whether for diagnostic imaging or for therapeutic purposes are allowing it to be done by qualified trained personnel to insure that the public is safe from unqualified.

Ionizing radiation is not something to be taken lightly. What is being proposed, the discontinuance of licensure, is akin to a doctor not being licensed. Do you want to be treated by an licensed doctor?

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: There should be penalties for individuals without licenses that are exposing patients to ionizing radiation without the proper education.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree