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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: The current Sunset report states that "numerous occupational licensure programs" can be deregulated with "little risk to the public". One of those programs is the Radiologic Technologist licensure program, the MRT. This program is very important in protecting the public from ionizing radiation, a known carcinogen. The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospital Organizations (JCAHO) has recently focused on CT, a definite application of radiation, and dangerous to the public if not applied by a professional well-versed in both radiation physics and radiation biology.

Another area is the cardiac cath and interventional radiology labs. Known as "surgery without a scalpel", the cath and IR labs use radiation to treat heart attack, stroke and cancer without subjecting the patient to invasive surgery and high-risk anesthesia. They are radiologic procedures requiring sometimes hours in the lab. A non-licensed, non-radiologic professional does not have the appreciation for the dangers of radiation inherent in these procedures that a licensed MRT has. In my experience as an instructor, this results in the overexposure of patients (in other states). We need to protect Texans from those who do not have the training or the appreciation for the potential dangers of radiation.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: My recommendation, as a highly educated and experienced (25+ years) Radiologic Technologist, is that the MRT be expanded to include a test on radiation protection, and required continuing education or annual competencies to include radiation protection, both for the staff and the patients.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree