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

Ref: TX Sunset Commission Staff recommends Sunsetting TX Medical Physics Licensing

I am a practicing Medical Physicist for the past 15 years in the great state of Texas. I am certified by the American Board of Radiology in Therapeutic Radiological Physics and am currently licensed to practice Medical Physics in Texas.

I am "against" the proposition of suspending Medical Physics licensure in the future due to the following reasons:

The current and future Radiation Oncology practice is complex with new technology being introduced into the clinic each year. I fear that with the removal of medical physics licensure, unsuitably qualified physicists may begin to practice medical physics in Texas. If one of these unqualified physicists were to make one or many mistakes there would be no repercussions to the physicist. Currently the TX DSHS monitors medical physicists closely and a physicist could lose their license if they do not abide by the rules set forth by the TX DSHS.

The field of Radiation Oncology has become a precise science and currently tumors are targeted with radiation to within 1 mm. Thus highly qualified, board certified, licensed medical physicists are essential for the safe treatment of patients. I am concerned that the quality of radiation therapy that the patients receive today will decrease substantially if licensure were to be eliminated.

If our Radiation Oncologist colleagues are expected to be licensed in Texas, then I do not see why licensure for Medical Physicists is being eliminated.

Medical Physicists are an integral part of the Radiation Therapy process.

If licensure is eliminated, a person who is not trained in Medical Physics could obtain a job as a Medical Physicist and be expected to perform duties that they may not be capable of performing jeopardizing patient care.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I would like TX DSHS to continue to maintain licensure for Medical Physicists.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree