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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed:  
Regarding Texas Sunset Advisory Commission's recommendation to discontinue MRT licensure.

As a registered radiologic technologist I am alarmed to hear that the Sunset Advisory Commission (SAC) is recommending the discontinuance of Texas licensure program and current licensure standards. Licensure ensures that patients are treated by persons who have met education and certification standards. Not some person who has no training other than "here is how we do it" by whoever is seen fit to show them. Ionizing radiation is a known carcinogen. Licensed technologists reduce the amount of patient exposure by using optimized techniques for medical imaging. This reduces the patient exposure by getting good images on the first take, rather than repeat(s) to get the desired image. On the job training will surely neglect things such as ALARA and the understanding of the dangers of exposure to radiation. Licensure of radiologic technicians also ensures the penalization of those individuals who may not treat patients according to professional standards or administer radiation in an unsafe manner. Without licensing the state of Texas has no way to protect patients from substandard technicians.

I ask that the committee consider all of the benefits of licensing to the safety and protection of our patients

Sincerely,  
Brian Lowry RT(R)

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Continue to require radiologic technologist in the state of Texas to be licensed and held to licensing standards

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree