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

I am opposed to the idea of removing licensure for Radiologic Technologists.

I believe that this will put our patients in immediate danger! We are using ionizing radiation to obtain these images. We have been specifically trained on how to significantly reduce our patients exposure by using appropriate techniques for the required exam. It is not just pushing buttons! You must use radiation physics to determine the appropriate way to obtain an exam.

With more and more articles being published on the importance of radiation safety, the public is becoming very aware of the harm it can cause. It seems moronic that anyone would ever think that a license is not necessary to perform this type of work. Radiation can cause cancer, cataracts, skin burns, spontaneous abortion, ect. ect., to expect a person with little to no training in this area, to be able to perform exams safely us just crazy. We also have to know anatomy and technique very extensively in order to take an adequate image for the physicians to appropriately diagnose a problem. We can actually eliminate pathology by using the wrong factors controlling contrast, detail, and density. The use of markers is also very important. By mismarking an image, we are putting not only the patient at risk, but the physician also. We are responsible for keeping our patients safe and for obtaining high quality diagnostic images, and allowing anyone off of the street to perform these studies shows how little the state cares for the well being of our patients!!!

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: This will put out public in severe danger all to save a buck!! Do NOT remove the requirements on licensure for medical professionals!!! Quality of care will go down the drain!!!

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree