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

Dear Sunset Review Commission,

Please maintain the practice of insuring that only properly educated individuals who are screened through a rigorous certification process are allowed to administer ionizing radiation for medical purposes.

The public needs well-trained, competent, Registered Radiologic Technologists, with a minimum of two years of collegiate training to be irradiating members of our community. Trained individuals that are licensed will help us minimize exposure to very powerful x-radiation which can cause great harm if improperly used.

It is imperative that these individuals understand the damage that can occur from too much radiation exposure. Radiation is invisible and silent and easily misunderstood as harmless. Too much dose can cause mutations that can be seen much later in life or generations. The dose received today by an individual could potentially affect any one of us in the public through long-term mutations that could show up in future generations.

It is so important that we as a society attempt to control the dose administered to the public. Licensure and educational standards can help us meet that goal.

Please maintain the present licensure and educational requirements for this career field.

Sincerely,

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Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: An alternate solution is to require that any individual in Texas that is employed to administer ionizing radiation in the medical field be a Registered Radiographer by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists. This will ensure that the individual has participated successfully in a prescribed program of instruction that meets national standards and is current in maintaining continuing education in radiologic technology.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree