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I am a student and going to really going through the radiologic technologist program in San Antonio Texas. I've recently become aware that the sunset Commission is reviewing the need for certification of our teams in the state of Texas. I think the sunset Commission needs to be aware of several important items that I'm not sure they been made aware of as far as the need for licensure. radiation to the general public is a very dangerous thing. Radiation is a carcinogen and has cumulative effects on the human body. Over the course of a lifetime, a patient's exposure can create new pathology as a direct result of the cumulative effect. Now imagine that patient has a pre-existing condition that merits several or many examinations over the course of a lifetime and the cumulative effect of the radiation compounded with the existing pathology does nothing to benefit the patient and, in fact, it does more harm than good.

I respectfully request that the Sunset Commission seek advice of professionals to educate them and guide them concerning the need for licensing regulations in the state of Texas. I would suggest you seek the advice of radiologists that practice in the field or physicists and get their opinion about known carcinogens such as ionizing radiation. I could put it in other terms such as these no one likes an untrained mechanic to work on their car. We all appreciate an ASE Certified Mechanic that knows what they're doing to fix our car. Why would we allow or accept anything less than professional for our health care?

Sincerely

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