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

Dear Texas Sunset Commission

I am a patient writing in opposition of the Sunset Advisory Commission's staff Report Issue 3.

- Licensure for radiologic technologist ensures that patients are being treated by individuals who have met education certification standards.
- Licensed radiologic technologists administer ionizing radiation, a known carcinogen, in the lowest dose possible to patients to create medical images and to treat cancers and other illnesses. Unlicensed personnel do not have formalized education to administer low doses of radiation and still achieve quality images or effective treatments.
- Licensure for radiologic technologists preserves the state's right to provide disciplinary action for individuals who may not treat patients according to professional standards or administer radiation correctly. Without licensure, the state cannot protect its citizens from untrained individuals.
- Licensed radiologic technologists provide radiologists with technically consistent, correctly positioned images, which improve the consistency and accuracy of the radiologist diagnosis. Unlicensed personnel provide inconsistent or improperly positioned images, reducing the diagnostic effectiveness of exams and increasing the need for repeat imaging procedures.
- Unlicensed personnel increase radiation exposure and medical costs.
- Licensed radiologic technologists adapt procedures and technical factors to each individual patient's needs. The radiologic technologists' training allows for technologists to evaluate the patient's medical status, patient history, underlying pathologic processes and physical factors to create a quality diagnostic image or therapy that is truly individualized for that patient.
- Unlicensed personnel do not have the educational background to critically appraise the individual patient's situation and adapt to the need of the patient.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: keep their licen

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree