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

IN OPPOSITION of the Sunset Advisory Commission's Staff Report- Issue 3- recommendation to discontinue
medical radiologic technologist licensing.

Before the Texas Sunset Commission Public Hearing

To: Sen. Nelson, Rep. Price, Sen. Birdwell, Rep. Burkett, Sen. Hinojosa, Rep. Dutton, Sen. Patrick, Rep. Gonzales,
Sen. Schwertner, Rep. Raymond, Dr.
Buckingham, Mr. Luce

Tell your story! Tell how you help the patients of Texas and the radiologists. Explain how your education and
training keep the patients of Texas safe and that you deliver high quality healthcare services.

A radiologic technologist (RT), also known as medical radiation technologist or as radiographer, performs imaging
of the human body for diagnosis or treating medical problems. Radiologic technologists work in hospitals, clinics,
and private practice. A radiologic technologist uses his/her expertise and knowledge of patient handling, physics,
anatomy, physiology, pathology and radiology to assess patients, develop optimal radiologic techniques and
evaluate resulting radiographic images.

Thirty-nine states currently recognize and have legislation on those delivering a dose of radiation to achieve optimal radiographic images or treat patients. By licensing of RTs in Texas, it ensures that all patients are receiving care in radiology from highly trained individuals that have passed national certifications, met ethical requirements, and have had the necessary training required to deliver a proper dose of radiation, a known carcinogen. As diagnostic imaging increases due to the increasing age of the population, more complex studies are being used to diagnose illness; state licensure of radiologic technologists should remain to protect the health and safety of Texas citizens

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 and other healthcare providers with technically consistent, correctly positioned images, which improve the consistency and accuracy of the providers' diagnosis. Unlicensed personnel have the potential to provide inconsistent or improperly positioned images, reducing the diagnostic effectiveness of exams and increasing the need for repeat imaging procedures. Repeat imaging increases 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's history, underlying pathologic processes, and physical factors to create a quality diagnostic image or therapy that is truly individualized for that patient.

Regards,

Marc Roberts, MS, AT-Ret, LAT, RT(R)

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

Keep licensure in Texas mandatory!

You wouldn't give a monkey keys to your car to drive you around as a chouffer, why let someone without knowledge of radiation perform an X-Ray?

We are not button pushers, getting a proper x-ray takes knowledge and skills to perform to get a good quality image so that someone can be diagnosed with an illness.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree

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From: Marc
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Wow, I really found the first line of your "Committee's" purpose and mission hilarious.

The Texas Sunset Advisory Commission is a 12-member legislative commission tasked with identifying and eliminating waste, duplication, and inefficiency for more than 130 Texas state agencies.

12 members? Really you need 12 members to eliminate duplication and waste in state agencies. How about you look at your own organization because I highly doubt 12 people are NECESSARY. I'll bet eliminating a number of your positions would save even more money than what is "already claimed to have been saved"

When it comes to the medical field, you are making recommendations on a field that you really know nothing about. It takes knowledge and skill to perform an exam and take a quality diagnostic image. It's not just pushing a button and viola. Determining a patient's size, position, and body composition is necessary to provide physicians with essential information on diagnosing an illness without running hundreds of tests.

Removing the need for licensing a Radiologic technologist and allowing anyone to shoot x-rays is akin to giving a monkey keys to your car and allowing them to chuffer you around. Would you really want a monkey driving your car with you as a passenger? It is imperative that the State of Texas continue the licensing and regulation of radiologic technologists.

Licensure for radiologic technologists ensures that patients are being treated by individuals who have met education and certification standards.

It's people like you and bills like this that make my job more difficult. I should be out helping treat patients and doing my job, but instead I have to waste time writing to all you committee and senate members on how silly this bill is and the need for regulation to remain the way they are.

When is your term up by the way? I need to know so I can cast my vote for the other guy.

Regards,

Marc Roberts, MS, AT-Ret, LAT, RT(R)