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

Is it correct that the Texas Sunset Advisory Commission has developed a report recommending the discontinuance of the Medical Radiologic Technologist Licensure Program and repeal of licensure standards in Texas.

If so, I urge you not to consider this. Licensure for radiologic technologists ensures that patients are being treated by individuals who have met education and certification standards. Licensed radiologic technologists lower patient exposure to ionizing radiation, a known carcinogen, by optimizing technique for medical imaging and treating cancers and other illnesses. Unlicensed personnel do not understand how to minimize exposure while achieving quality images or effective treatments. (This is similar to dispensing drugs). Would you not want someone to know what they are doing before they do something to your body? Licensure for radiologic technologists also preserves the state's right to penalize 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. This should not be a free-for-all to do as we please without repercussions. Trained individuals are important in this field. If patients need a physicians script to get treatment (i.e. xray, etc.) then those dispensing the treatment should be certified and registered.

It would be like having an untrained "pharmacist" dispensing you medication.

Keep radiation doses low and patients safe by having trained radiologic technologists in Texas!

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Keep this program.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree