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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: Ionizing radiation is a known carcinogen. Efforts have been underway nationwide to reduce dose to patients by requiring state licensing, education and coursework in radiation protection, radiation safety, and medical physics for all individuals utilizing radiation equipment. Without licensure, there will be no means by which individuals that utilize unsafe practices can be monitored or sanctioned. Removing state licensure in Texas will be a step backwards when it comes to patient safety and dose reduction. If you take away the state license, there is no requirement for any license, therefore, anyone off the street can come into a facility with radiation equipment and operate that equipment without any prior training or knowledge of radiation safety practices.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: If the state believes that eliminating the state license for individuals utilizing ionizing radiation for the acquisition of x-ray imaging is eliminating redundancy because we have a national registry for technologists, then the current law on the books should be amended to require that all individuals operating equipment that generates ionizing radiation must be licensed by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT). This will ensure that all patients in the State of Texas receive care from individuals that are graduates of programs that follow strict curriculum requirements to produce highly trained and skilled workers that practice dose reduction and best practices for patient safety when using ionizing radiation.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree