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

Dear Texas Sunset Commission,

I am a radiologic technologist writing in OPPOSITION of the Sunset Advisory Commission's Staff Report - Issue 3 - recommendations to discontinue medical radiologic technologist licensing.

It is imperative that the State of Texas continue the licensing and regulation of radiologic technologist.

- 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.
- Licensure for radiologic technologists 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.

- Licensed radiologic technologist provide radiologists with technically consistent correctly positioned images, which improve the consistency and accuracy of the radiologists' diagnosis. Unlicensed personnel 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 pathological 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 patients situation and adapt to the needs of the patient.

Regads,

Kenna L. Wyatt

Radiologic technologist R.T.(R)(CT)

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

An alternative to the Sunset Advisory Commision's Staff Report - Issue 3 - could be:

- Continue the licensing and regulation of radiologic technologist AS IS

- Increase license renewal

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree