

ARKANSAS SENATE
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Amendment Form

Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 79

"AN ACT TO REGULATE RADIOLOGIST ASSISTANTS, RADIOLOGY PRACTITIONER
ASSISTANTS, AND NUCLEAR MEDICINE ADVANCED ASSOCIATES."

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill No. 79.

Amend Senate Bill No. 79 as originally introduced:

Page 1, delete lines 9 through 11 of the title and substitute the following:
"AN ACT TO REGULATE RADIOLOGIST ASSISTANTS AND RADIOLOGY PRACTITIONER
ASSISTANTS; AND FOR OTHER"

AND

Page 1, delete lines 16 through 18 of the subtitle and substitute the
following:
"ASSISTANTS AND RADIOLOGY PRACTITIONER ASSISTANTS."

AND

Page 1, delete lines 25 through 35 and substitute the following:

"17-106-201. Radiologist assistant and radiology practitioner
assistant -- License required.

(a) The Arkansas State Medical Board shall grant a license to practice
as a radiologist assistant and a radiology practitioner assistant to a
qualified applicant who complies with the rules for licensure adopted under
this subchapter.

(b) An individual shall not practice as a radiologist assistant or a
radiology practitioner assistant unless the person is licensed as a
radiologist assistant or a radiology practitioner assistant by the board."

AND

Page 2, delete lines 3 through 12 and substitute the following:

"(1) Define the qualifications for licensure of a radiologist
assistant or a radiology practitioner assistant;

(2)(A) Define the services that may be performed by a
radiologist assistant or a radiology practitioner assistant, and the level of
supervision required for the performance of a radiologist assistant or a
radiology practitioner assistant.



(B) The rules adopted under subdivision (2)(A) of this section shall specify that a radiologist assistant or radiology practitioner assistant shall not interpret images, make diagnoses, or prescribe medications or therapies;"

AND

Page 2, delete lines 16 and 17 and substitute the following:

"physician must employ when supervising a radiologist assistant or a radiology practitioner;"

"(C)(i) Only a physician licensed to practice medicine in the State of Arkansas under § 17-95-401, et seq. who resides in Arkansas or in an immediately contiguous county of an adjacent state and who is a diagnostic radiologist certified by the American Board of Radiology may utilize the services of a radiologist assistant or a radiology practitioner assistant."

(ii) However, a physician may utilize the services of a radiologist assistant or a radiology practitioner assistant under subdivision (3)(C)(i) of this section only if the physician supervises the radiologist assistant or radiology practitioner assistant;"

AND

Page 2, delete lines 19 and 20 and substitute the following:

"a radiologist assistant and a radiology practitioner assistant;"

AND

Page 2, delete lines 22 and 23 and substitute the following:

"licensure for a radiologist assistant and a radiology practitioner assistant; and"

AND

Page 2, delete lines 25 and 26 and substitute the following:

"assistant and a radiology practitioner assistant."

AND

Page 2, delete lines 34 and 35 and substitute the following:

"If a radiologist assistant or a radiology practitioner assistant is found by the Arkansas State Medical"

AND

Page 3, delete lines 4 and 5 and substitute the following:

"radiologist assistant or radiology practitioner assistant;"

AND

Page 3, delete lines 8 through 12 and substitute the following:

"(3) Recovery from the radiologist assistant or the radiology"

practitioner assistant of the costs of an investigation and hearing if the radiologist assistant or the radiology practitioner assistant is found to have violated the Arkansas Medical Practices Act, § 17-95-201 et seq., or"

AND

Page 3, delete lines 14 and 15 and substitute the following:

"(4) Placement of the radiologist assistant or the radiology practitioner assistant under"

AND

Page 3, delete line 17 and substitute the following:

"(5) A reprimand.

17-106-205. Emerging categories of physician extenders.

(a) For purposes of this section:

(1) "Imaging sciences" means those disciplines utilizing electromagnetic or sound energies in the diagnosis of human disease; and

(2) "Therapeutic disciplines" means those disciplines employing sealed and unsealed radioactive sources in the treatment of human disease.

(b) The Arkansas State Medical Board shall adopt rules for the licensure or certification of emerging categories of physician extenders in the imaging sciences and therapeutic disciplines.

(c) This section does not grant authority to the board to regulate other licensed practitioners of the healing arts, including practitioners with radiologic technology licenses as currently defined and regulated by the Department of Health."

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

By: Senator D. Johnson

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