

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 79

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5 By: Senator D. Johnson
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO REGULATE RADIOLOGIST ASSISTANTS,
10 RADIOLOGY PRACTITIONER ASSISTANTS, AND NUCLEAR
11 MEDICINE ADVANCED ASSOCIATES; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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15 AN ACT TO REGULATE RADIOLOGIST
16 ASSISTANTS, RADIOLOGY PRACTITIONER
17 ASSISTANTS, AND NUCLEAR MEDICINE
18 ADVANCED ASSOCIATES.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 17, Chapter 106, is amended to add an
24 additional subchapter to read as follows:

25 17-106-201. Radiologist assistant, radiology practitioner assistant,
26 nuclear medicine advanced assistant -- License required.

27 (a) The Arkansas State Medical Board shall grant a license to practice
28 as a radiologist assistant, a radiology practitioner assistant, or a nuclear
29 medicine advanced associate, to a qualified applicant who complies with the
30 rules for licensure adopted under this subchapter.

31 (b) A individual shall not practice as a radiologist assistant, a
32 radiology practitioner assistant, or a nuclear medicine advanced assistant
33 unless the person is licensed as a radiologist assistant, a radiology
34 practitioner assistant, or a nuclear medicine advanced assistant by the
35 board.
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1 17-106-202. Rules

2 The Arkansas State Medical Board shall adopt rules to:

3 (1) Define the qualifications for licensure of a radiologist
4 assistant, a radiology practitioner assistant, and a nuclear medicine
5 advanced associate;

6 (2)(A) Define the scope of practice of a radiologist assistant,
7 a radiology practitioner assistant, and a nuclear medicine advanced
8 associate.

9 (B) The rules adopted under subdivision (2)(A) of this
10 section shall specify that a radiologist assistant, radiology practitioner
11 assistant, or nuclear medicine advanced associate shall not interpret images,
12 make diagnoses, or prescribe medications or therapies;

13 (3)(A) Define the qualifications of a supervising physician.

14 (B) The rules adopted under subdivision (3)(A) of this
15 section shall specify the manner and scope of supervision that a licensed
16 physician must employ when supervising a radiologist assistant, a radiology
17 practitioner, or a nuclear medicine advanced associate;

18 (4) Establish requirements for annual renewal of the license of
19 a radiologist assistant, a radiology practitioner assistant, or a nuclear
20 medicine advanced associate;

21 (5) Establish continuing education requirements for renewal of
22 licensure for a radiologist assistant, a radiology practitioner assistant,
23 and a nuclear medicine advanced associate; and

24 (6) Establish a program for probation of a radiologist
25 assistant, a radiology practitioner assistant, and a nuclear medicine
26 advanced associate.

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28 17-106-203. Fee.

29 The Arkansas State Medical Board shall charge a licensure application
30 fee not to exceed the administrative and disciplinary costs incurred by the
31 board in administering the licensure program under this subchapter.

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33 17-106-204. Penalties.

34 If a radiologist assistant, a radiology practitioner assistant, or a
35 nuclear medicine advanced associate is found by the Arkansas State Medical
36 Board to have violated the Arkansas Medical Practices Act, § 17-95-201 et

1 seq., or the rules adopted under this subchapter, the board may impose one
2 (1) or more of the following penalties:

3 (1) Suspension or revocation of the license to practice as a
4 radiologist assistant or radiology practitioner assistant or nuclear medicine
5 advanced associate;

6 (2) A fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per
7 violation;

8 (3D) Recovery from the radiologist assistant, the radiology
9 practitioner assistant, or the nuclear medicine advanced associate the costs
10 of investigation and hearing if the radiologist assistant, the radiology
11 practitioner assistant, or the nuclear medicine advanced associate is found
12 to have violated the Arkansas Medical Practices Act, § 17-95-201 et seq., or
13 the rules adopted under this subchapter;

14 (4) Placement of the radiologist assistant, the radiology
15 practitioner assistant, or the nuclear medicine advanced associate under
16 probation; and

17 (5) A reprimand.

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