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Introduced by M. of A. TAPIA -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to limited-scope radiographers

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Subdivision 1, paragraph (c) of subdivision 2 and subdivision 4 of section 3502 of the public health law, as added by chapter 175 of the laws of 2006, are amended to read as follows:

1. The department shall issue separate licenses in the areas of radiography, radiation therapy and nuclear medicine technology to individuals who qualify under section thirty-five hundred five of this title. The department shall issue limited-scope radiographer licenses to individuals who qualify under sections thirty-five hundred three and thirty-five hundred five of this title.

(c) only persons licensed under this article shall practice radiography, radiation therapy or nuclear medicine technology or use the title "limited-scope radiographer," "radiographer," "radiologic technologist," "radiation therapist" or "nuclear medicine technologist" or use the abbreviations LRT, RTT, LRTT, NMT, or LNMT with [~~his or her~~] such person's name; and

4. No radiologic technologist shall administer or inject intravenous contrast media unless (a) the individual is certified by the department to perform such function in accordance with the commissioner's rules and regulations (b) such administration or injection has been approved by a physician, physician's assistant, nurse practitioner or registered professional nurse within twenty-four hours prior to the administration or injection (c) a physician, physician's assistant, nurse practitioner or registered professional nurse performs an evaluation of the patient on the day of the procedure. Administration or injection of contrast media means and is limited to the placement or insertion of a needle or

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [~~-~~] is old law to be omitted.

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1 a catheter, not exceeding three inches in length and not above the level  
2 of the axilla into a person's upper extremity and the administration or  
3 injection of the intravenous contrast media, manually or by mechanical  
4 injector, but does not mean the determination of the type or volume of  
5 media to be administered or injected. Limited-scope radiographers shall  
6 not be authorized under this article to inject intravenous contrast  
7 media.

8 § 2. Subdivision 17 of section 3501 of the public health law, as added  
9 by chapter 175 of the laws of 2006, is amended to read as follows:

10 17. "Supervision" means the oversight of a licensed radiologic tech-  
11 nologist or a limited-scope radiographer, as applicable, by a licensed  
12 practitioner acting within the limits specified in the law under which  
13 the practitioner is licensed.

14 § 3. Section 3501 of the public health law is amended by adding two  
15 new subdivisions 4-a and 13 to read as follows:

16 4-a. "Limited-scope radiographer" shall mean a person licensed pursu-  
17 ant to section thirty-five hundred three of this article to practice  
18 radiography limited to chest, extremities, skull/sinus, and spine/sacrum  
19 at urgent care centers. The limited-scope radiographer shall not utilize  
20 fluoroscopy.

21 13. "Urgent care center" shall mean any medical practice location that  
22 provides immediate and on-site evaluation, diagnosis, and treatment of  
23 non-emergent, acute illnesses or injuries during posted hours of opera-  
24 tion, primarily or exclusively on a walk-in or after-hours basis.

25 § 4. The public health law is amended by adding a new section 3503 to  
26 read as follows:

27 § 3503. Limited-scope radiographers. 1. A license to practice as a  
28 limited-scope radiographer shall authorize a holder of such license to  
29 practice radiography at urgent care centers under the supervision of a  
30 licensed practitioner or licensed registered radiologic technologist.

31 2. The commissioner shall establish standards that educational  
32 programs in limited radiography must meet to be approved as a limited  
33 radiography education program in New York state. Courses shall include,  
34 at a minimum, a total of eighty hours of didactic content that must  
35 address radiographic anatomy, procedures, and pathology, digital image  
36 acquisition and display, fundamentals, ethics, and laws of healthcare,  
37 human anatomy and physiology, image production and analysis, imaging  
38 equipment and radiation production, medical terminology, and patient  
39 care. A minimum of two hundred forty hours of clinical training must  
40 also be incorporated that includes a minimum of five clinical competen-  
41 cies, in each anatomical area that the limited-scope radiographer will  
42 image, performed under direct supervision of a radiologic technologist.  
43 Upon completion of the course, successful completion of a standardized  
44 accreditation examination that assesses the knowledge and cognitive  
45 skills underlying the intelligent performance of the tasks typically  
46 required of a limited-scope radiographer is required. Any such course  
47 or accrediting examination shall be approved by the commissioner and no  
48 person, institution or agency shall offer a course of study in limited-  
49 scope radiography unless such course of study is registered by the  
50 department or by the department of education and meets such standards of  
51 quality, character and competence of sponsors and officials, financial  
52 resources, public need, and other pertinent matters as may be prescribed  
53 by the commissioner or by the commissioner of education in appropriate  
54 rules and regulations.

55 3. The commissioner shall establish a registration process by which  
56 individuals may submit an application to the commissioner to be licensed

1 as a limited-scope radiographer pursuant to this section. Such registra-  
2 tion process and application shall be consistent with the provisions of  
3 section thirty-five hundred seven of this title and shall include:

4 (a) an attestation that the applicant has completed an approved course  
5 and accrediting examination pursuant to subdivision two of this section,  
6 and received a passing score on such accrediting examination as deter-  
7 mined by the commissioner; and

8 (b) any other information as may be required by the commissioner.

9 4. The commissioner shall be authorized to promulgate any rules and/or  
10 regulations necessary for the effective implementation of this section.

11 § 5. The opening paragraph and paragraphs (d), (f) and (p) of subdivi-  
12 sion 1 of section 3510 of the public health law, the opening paragraph  
13 as amended and paragraph (p) as added by section 97 of part E of chapter  
14 56 of the laws of 2013, and paragraphs (d) and (f) as added by chapter  
15 175 of the laws of 2006, are amended to read as follows:

16 The license, registration or intravenous contrast administration  
17 certificate of a radiologic technologist, or license to practice as a  
18 limited-scope radiographer, may be suspended for a fixed period, revoked  
19 or annulled, or such licensee censured, reprimanded, subject to a civil  
20 penalty not to exceed two thousand dollars for every such violation, or  
21 otherwise disciplined, in accordance with the provisions and procedures  
22 defined in this article, provided that no civil penalty shall be  
23 assessed for any crime or misconduct that occurred outside the jurisdic-  
24 tion of New York state upon decision after due hearing that the individ-  
25 ual is guilty of the following misconduct:

26 (d) aiding and abetting in the practice of radiologic technology a  
27 person who is not a registered radiologic technologist or limited-scope  
28 radiographer or who is practicing a form of radiologic technology which  
29 is beyond the scope of the individual's license;

30 (f) falsely impersonating a duly registered radiologic technologist or  
31 limited-scope radiographer or former duly registered radiologic technol-  
32 ogist or limited-scope radiographer, or is practicing radiologic tech-  
33 nology under an assumed name;

34 (p) having [~~his or her~~] such person's license to practice as a radio-  
35 logic technologist or limited-scope radiographer revoked, suspended or  
36 having other disciplinary action taken, or having [~~his or her~~] such  
37 person's application for a license refused, revoked or suspended or  
38 having voluntarily or otherwise surrendered [~~his or her~~] such person's  
39 license after a disciplinary action was instituted by a duly authorized  
40 professional disciplinary agency of another state, where the conduct  
41 resulting in the revocation, suspension or other disciplinary action  
42 involving the license or refusal, revocation or suspension of an appli-  
43 cation for a license or the surrender of the license would, if committed  
44 in New York state, constitute professional misconduct under the laws of  
45 New York state. A radiologic technologist or limited-scope radiographer  
46 licensed in New York state who is also licensed or seeking licensure in  
47 another state must immediately report to the department any revocation,  
48 suspension or other disciplinary action involving the out-of-state  
49 license or refusal, revocation or suspension of an application for an  
50 out-of-state license or the surrender of the out-of-state license.

51 § 6. This act shall take effect immediately.