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**SENATE BILL**

**No. 480**

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**Introduced by Senator Archuleta**

February 21, 2019

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An act to add and repeal Section 2072 of, and to add Chapter 8.5 (commencing with Section 3800) to Division 2 of, of the Business and Professions Code, relating to healing arts.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 480, as amended, Archuleta. Radiologist assistants. *Assistant Advisory Committee.*

Existing law, the Medical Practice Act, provides for the licensure and regulation of physicians and surgeons by the Medical Board of California. The act authorizes a medical assistant, as defined, to perform specified treatment activities under designated conditions, and requires the board to adopt and administer regulations that establish standards for technical supportive services that medical assistant is authorized to perform. Existing law, the Radiologic Technology Act, provides for the certification and regulation of radiologic technologists by the State Department of Public Health.

~~This bill would establish the Radiologist Assistant Practice Act, to be administered by the Radiologist Assistant Committee of the Medical Board of California, which would be established by the bill. The bill would establish the duties of the committee, including considering the qualifications of individuals who apply for licensure under the act and granting licenses, and would specify duties of the Medical Board of California, including establishing reasonable fees for licensure and license renewal, to be deposited in the Radiologist Assistant Fund,~~

~~which would be established by the bill. The bill would require money in the fund to be available upon appropriation by the Legislature to implement and administer the provisions of the act. The bill would establish requirements for licensure as a radiologist assistant, including completion of an approved education program and passing an examination. The bill would prescribe requirements for supervision of a radiologist assistant by a radiologist, would prohibit a radiologist assistant from performing specified acts, and would make a violation of the act's provisions a misdemeanor, and, under specified circumstances, subject to a specified civil penalty. By creating a new crime, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.~~

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*This* bill, until January 1, 2023, would require the board to establish the Radiologist Assistant Advisory Committee for the purpose of identifying the appropriate training, qualifications, and scope of practice for individuals providing assistance to radiologists. The bill would require the advisory committee to research and recommend potential statutory changes to grant expanded practice authority to certified radiologic technologists or medical assistants working under the supervision of a ~~radiologists~~, *radiologist*, as specified, and would require the advisory committee to submit a report of the research and recommendations of the advisory committee to the board, the Governor, and the Legislature on or before January 1, 2022. The bill would require the Medical Board of California and the Department of Public Health to adopt regulations to implement these recommendations.

~~The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.~~

~~This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: ~~yes~~-no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 2072 is added to the Business and
- 2 Professions Code, to read:
- 3 2072. (a) The board shall establish the Radiologist Assistant
- 4 Advisory Committee for the purpose of identifying the appropriate

1 training, qualifications, and scope of practice for individuals  
2 providing assistance to radiologists.

3 (b) For purposes of this section, “radiologist” means a physician  
4 and surgeon licensed by the board who is certified or eligible for  
5 certification by the American Board of Radiology.

6 (c) The Radiologist Assistant Advisory Committee shall be  
7 composed of the following:

8 (1) Two members of the board who shall be appointed by the  
9 board.

10 (2) One member of the Department of Public Health Radiologic  
11 Technology Certification Committee who shall be appointed by  
12 the Director of Public Health.

13 (3) One representative from the California Department of  
14 Veterans Affairs with direct experience assisting veterans in  
15 utilizing military training and experience for civilian job and career  
16 opportunities who shall be appointed by the Secretary of the  
17 California Department of Veterans Affairs.

18 (4) Two radiologists, at least one of whom is representative of  
19 the hospital practice of radiology, who shall be appointed by the  
20 Governor.

21 (5) Two radiologic technologists who have been certified  
22 pursuant to Section 114870 of the Health and Safety Code for at  
23 least five years who shall be appointed by the Governor.

24 (6) Two representatives of a radiologic technology training  
25 program or radiologist assistant training program who shall be  
26 appointed by the Governor.

27 (7) One member who shall be appointed by the Speaker of the  
28 Assembly.

29 (8) One member who shall be appointed by the Senate  
30 Committee on Rules.

31 (d) The Radiologist Assistant Advisory Committee shall research  
32 and recommend potential statutory changes to grant expanded  
33 practice authority to certified radiologic technologists or medical  
34 assistants working under the supervision of a radiologist by doing  
35 all of the following:

36 (1) Analyzing the effectiveness of the practice of medical  
37 assistants authorized pursuant to this chapter and the practice of  
38 radiologist—assistants—authorized—pursuant—to—Chapter—8.5  
39 (~~commencing with Section 3800~~). *assistants*.

1 (2) Determining the appropriateness of specialty medical  
2 assistant licensure.

3 (3) Determining necessary revisions, if any, to regulations  
4 adopted pursuant to ~~Sections~~ *Section 2071* and ~~3817~~ to promote  
5 workforce development in the field and ensure patient access to  
6 services.

7 (4) Evaluating, if appropriate, the regulatory recognition of  
8 radiologist assistants in other states.

9 (5) Evaluating where equivalencies in military training and  
10 experience exist and where the transfer of skills gained through  
11 military service may be utilized in determining the requirements  
12 for work in radiographic technology, including as a radiologist  
13 assistant, and in the medical assistant field.

14 (e) Members of the Radiologist Assistant Advisory Committee  
15 shall serve without compensation.

16 (f) (1) The Radiologist Assistant Advisory Committee shall  
17 submit a report that includes the research and recommendations  
18 specified in subdivision (d) to the board, the Governor, and the  
19 Legislature on or before January 1, 2022. Any reports submitted  
20 pursuant to this subdivision shall be submitted in compliance with  
21 Section 9795 of the Government Code.

22 (2) The Radiologist Assistant Advisory Committee shall serve  
23 in an advisory capacity, but the board and Department of Public  
24 Health shall adopt regulations to implement relevant  
25 recommendations and information contained in the report required  
26 by paragraph (1).

27 (g) This section shall be repealed on January 1, 2023.

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30 **All matter omitted in this version of the bill**  
31 **appears in the bill as amended in the**  
32 **Senate, January 9, 2020. (JR11)**  
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