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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:

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

4       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.  
5       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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1       3. The commissioner shall establish a registration process by which  
2 individuals may submit an application to the commissioner to be licensed  
3 as a limited-scope radiographer pursuant to this section. Such regis-  
4 tration process and application shall be consistent with the provisions of  
5 section thirty-five hundred seven of this title and shall include:

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

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

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

13      § 5. The opening paragraph and paragraphs (d), (f) and (p) of subdivi-  
14 sion 1 of section 3510 of the public health law, the opening paragraph  
15 as amended and paragraph (p) as added by section 97 of part E of chapter  
16 56 of the laws of 2013, and paragraphs (d) and (f) as added by chapter  
17 175 of the laws of 2006, are amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

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

53      § 6. This act shall take effect immediately.