

EMERGENCY REQUEST of Senate Majority Leader

Senate Bill No. 455—Senator Cannizzaro

CHAPTER.....

AN ACT relating to radiation; revising the qualifications to perform computed tomography and fluoroscopy; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

Existing law prohibits, in general, a person from performing computed tomography unless he or she holds a license issued by the Division of Public and Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human Services to engage in radiation therapy and radiologic imaging and is certified by: (1) the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists in nuclear medicine technology, radiation therapy or computed tomography; or (2) the Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board in nuclear medicine or computed tomography. (NRS 653.630)

Section 1 of this bill requires a person who is certified in nuclear medicine technology, radiation therapy or nuclear medicine to additionally have received training approved by the Division. **Section 1** also authorizes the holder of a license to engage in radiation therapy and radiologic imaging to perform computed tomography if he or she has completed other appropriate training approved by the Division or holds another appropriate credential approved by the Division.

Existing law prohibits, in general, a person from performing fluoroscopy unless he or she: (1) holds a license to engage in radiation therapy and radiologic imaging issued by the Division; and (2) is certified by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists to practice in radiation therapy. (NRS 653.640) **Section 2** of this bill additionally authorizes the holder of such a license to perform fluoroscopy if he or she is certified by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists to practice in the area of radiography or has completed other appropriate training or holds another appropriate credential approved by the Division.

EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. NRS 653.630 is hereby amended to read as follows:
653.630 1. A person shall not perform computed tomography except as authorized by this section and NRS 653.620.

2. Except as otherwise provided in this section, a holder of a license may only perform computed tomography within his or her scope of practice, as authorized by the regulations adopted pursuant to NRS 653.460, if he or she ~~is~~:

(a) *Is* certified by ~~f~~

~~(a) The~~ *the* American Registry of Radiologic Technologists, or its successor organization, to practice in the area of nuclear medicine technology or radiation therapy ~~f; or~~ *and has received*



training approved by the Division as being sufficient to enable the holder of the license to properly perform computed tomography;

(b) ~~He~~ *Is certified by the Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board, or its successor organization, in nuclear medicine ~~and~~ and has received training approved by the Division as being sufficient to enable the holder of the license to properly perform computed tomography; or*

(c) *Has completed other appropriate training or holds another appropriate credential approved by the Division.*

3. A holder of a license who is certified by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists, or its successor organization, or the Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board, or its successor organization, in computed tomography may perform computed tomography.

4. A holder of a license who does not satisfy the requirements of subsection 2 or 3 may perform computed tomography if he or she:

(a) Performs computed tomography to qualify for certification by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists, or its successor organization, or the Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board, or its successor organization, in computed tomography; and

(b) Registers with the Division before performing computed tomography.

5. A person who performs computed tomography in violation of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Sec. 2. NRS 653.640 is hereby amended to read as follows:

653.640 1. A person shall not perform fluoroscopy except as authorized in this section and NRS 653.620.

2. A holder of a license may perform fluoroscopy:

(a) If he or she is certified by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists, or its successor organization, to practice in the area of radiation therapy ~~and~~ *or radiography or has completed other appropriate training or holds another appropriate credential approved by the Division;*

(b) Only within the scope of his or her practice; and

(c) Only to the extent authorized by the regulations adopted pursuant to NRS 653.460.

3. A person who performs fluoroscopy in violation of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Sec. 3. This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

