

**RADIOLOGY PRACTITIONER AMENDMENTS**

2018 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Robert M. Spendlove**

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill allows physical therapists to order the use of certain radiologic technology.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ allows physical therapists to order the use of radiologic imaging.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**58-54-303**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 61

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section **58-54-303** is amended to read:

**58-54-303. Supervision and prescription required -- Imaging ordered by physical therapists.**

(1) The practice of radiologic technology by a radiologic technologist licensed under this chapter shall be under the general supervision of a radiologist or radiology practitioner and may be performed only upon the order of a radiologist or radiology practitioner acting within the scope of the radiologist's or radiology practitioner's license and experience within the scope

29 of practice of a radiology practitioner.

30 (2) (a) Notwithstanding Subsection (1), a physical therapist acting within the scope of  
31 the physical therapist's license and experience may order plain radiographs and magnetic  
32 resonance imaging if:

33 (i) the physical therapist designates a physician to receive the results of the plain  
34 radiographs or magnetic resonance imaging; and

35 (ii) the physician designated in Subsection (2)(a)(i) agrees to receive the results of the  
36 plain radiographs or magnetic resonance imaging.

37 (b) A physical therapist who orders plain radiographs or magnetic resonance imaging  
38 under Subsection (2)(a) shall:

39 (i) communicate with the patient's physician to ensure coordination of care; and

40 (ii) refer a patient to an appropriate provider when the findings of the imaging that was  
41 ordered by the physical therapist indicate that the services that are needed exceed the physical  
42 therapist's experience and scope of practice.

43 (c) A physical therapist is not subject to Subsection (2)(b)(i) if:

44 (i) a radiologist has read the image and has not identified a significant finding;

45 (ii) the patient does not have a primary care physician; and

46 (iii) the patient was not referred to the physical therapist for health care services by  
47 another health care provider.