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2 **HB 2037** - S COMM AMD

3 By Committee on Health & Long-Term Care

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5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
6 following:

7 "**Sec. 1.** RCW 18.84.010 and 1987 c 412 s 1 are each amended to read  
8 as follows:

9 It is the intent and purpose of this chapter to protect the public  
10 (~~by setting standards of qualification, education, training, and~~  
11 ~~experience for use~~) by the certification and registration of  
12 practitioners of radiological technology. By promoting high standards  
13 of professional performance, by requiring professional accountability,  
14 and by credentialing those persons who seek to provide radiological  
15 technology under the title of radiological technologists, and by  
16 regulating all persons utilizing ionizing radiation on human beings  
17 this chapter identifies those practitioners who have achieved a  
18 particular level of competency. Nothing in this chapter shall be  
19 construed to require that individual or group policies or contracts of  
20 an insurance carrier, health care service contractor, or health  
21 maintenance organization provide benefits or coverage for services and  
22 supplies provided by a person certified under this chapter.

23 The legislature finds and declares that this chapter conforms to  
24 the guidelines, terms, and definitions for the credentialing of health  
25 or health-related professions specified under chapter 18.120 RCW."

26 "**Sec. 2.** RCW 18.84.020 and 1991 c 3 s 204 are each amended to read  
27 as follows:

1 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in  
2 this section apply throughout this chapter.

3 (1) "Department" means the department of health.

4 (2) "Secretary" means the secretary of health.

5 (3) "Licensed practitioner" means ~~((a physician or osteopathic~~  
6 ~~physician licensed under chapter 18.71 or 18.57 RCW, respectively; a~~  
7 ~~registered nurse licensed under chapter 18.88 RCW; or a podiatrist~~  
8 ~~licensed under chapter 18.22 RCW))~~ any licensed health care  
9 practitioner performing services within the person's authorized scope  
10 of practice.

11 (4) "Radiologic technologist" means an individual certified under  
12 this chapter, other than a licensed practitioner, who practices  
13 radiologic technology as a:

14 (a) Diagnostic radiologic technologist, who is a person who  
15 actually handles x-ray equipment in the process of applying radiation  
16 on a human being for diagnostic purposes ~~((under the supervision))~~ at  
17 the direction of a licensed practitioner; or

18 (b) Therapeutic radiologic technologist, who is a person who uses  
19 radiation-generating equipment for therapeutic purposes on human  
20 subjects at the direction of a licensed practitioner; or

21 (c) Nuclear medicine technologist, who is a person who prepares  
22 radiopharmaceuticals and administers them to human beings for  
23 diagnostic and therapeutic purposes and who performs in vivo and in  
24 vitro detection and measurement of radioactivity for medical purposes  
25 ~~((under the supervision))~~ at the direction of a licensed practitioner.

26 (5) "Advisory committee" means the Washington state radiologic  
27 technology advisory committee.

28 (6) "Approved school of radiologic technology" means a school of  
29 radiologic technology approved by the council on medical education of  
30 the American medical association or a school found to maintain the

1 equivalent of such a course of study as determined by the department.  
2 Such school may be operated by a medical or educational institution,  
3 and for the purpose of providing the requisite clinical experience,  
4 shall be affiliated with one or more general hospitals.

5 (7) "Radiologic technology" means the use of ionizing radiation  
6 upon a human being for diagnostic or therapeutic purposes.

7 (8) "Radiologist" means a physician certified by the American board  
8 of radiology or the American osteopathic board of radiology.

9 (9) "Registered x-ray technician" means a person who is registered  
10 with the department, and who applies ionizing radiation at the  
11 direction of a licensed practitioner."

12 "Sec. 3. RCW 18.84.030 and 1987 c 412 s 2 are each amended to read  
13 as follows:

14 No person may (~~represent himself or herself to the public as a~~  
15 ~~certified radiologic technologist without holding a valid certificate~~  
16 ~~to practice under this chapter~~) practice radiologic technology without  
17 being registered or certified under this chapter, unless that person is  
18 a licensed practitioner as defined in RCW 18.84.020(3). A person  
19 represents himself or herself to the public as a certified radiological  
20 technologist when that person adopts or uses a title or description of  
21 services that incorporates one or more of the following items or  
22 designations:

23 (1) Certified radiologic technologist or CRT, for persons so  
24 certified under this chapter;

25 (2) Certified radiologic therapy technologist, CRTT, or CRT, for  
26 persons certified in the therapeutic field;

27 (3) Certified radiologic diagnostic technologist, CRDT, or CRT, for  
28 persons certified in the diagnostic field; or

1 (4) Certified nuclear medicine technologist, CNMT, or CRT, for  
2 persons certified as nuclear medicine technologists."

3 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. The secretary may issue a registration  
4 to an applicant who submits, on forms provided by the department, the  
5 applicant's name, the address, occupational title, name and location of  
6 business where applicant performs his or her services, and other  
7 information as determined by the secretary, including information  
8 necessary to determine whether there are grounds for denial of  
9 registration under this chapter or chapter 18.130 RCW. Each applicant  
10 shall pay a fee as determined by the secretary as provided in RCW  
11 43.70.250. The secretary shall establish by rule the procedural  
12 requirements and fees for registration and for renewal of  
13 registrations."

14 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. The secretary may provide educational  
15 materials and training to registered x-ray technicians, certified  
16 radiologic technologists, licensed practitioners and the public  
17 concerning, but not limited to, health risks associated with ionizing  
18 radiation, proper radiographic techniques, and x-ray equipment  
19 maintenance. The secretary may charge fees to recover the cost of  
20 providing educational materials and training."

21 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. Nothing in this chapter may be construed  
22 to prohibit or restrict the practice of a profession by a person who is  
23 either registered, certified, licensed, or similarly regulated under  
24 the laws of this state who is performing services within the person's  
25 authorized scope of practice."

1        "NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 7.**        This chapter does not apply to  
2 practitioners licensed under chapter 18.32 RCW or unlicensed persons  
3 supervised by persons licensed under chapter 18.32 RCW."

4        "NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 8.**        This chapter does not apply to  
5 practitioners licensed under chapter 18.25 RCW or unlicensed persons  
6 supervised by persons licensed under chapter 18.25 RCW."

7        "NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 9.**        A new section is added to chapter 18.25 RCW  
8 to read as follows:

9        (1) A chiropractor may employ a technician to operate x-ray  
10 equipment after the technician has registered with the board.

11        (2) The board may adopt rules necessary and appropriate to carry  
12 out the purposes of this section."

13        "NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 10.**       Persons required to register under this  
14 chapter must be registered by January 1, 1992."

15        "**Sec. 11.**    RCW 18.84.040 and 1991 c 3 s 205 are each amended to  
16 read as follows:

17        (1) In addition to any other authority provided by law, the  
18 secretary may in consultation with the advisory committee:

19        (a) Adopt rules, in accordance with chapter 34.05 RCW, necessary to  
20 implement this chapter;

21        (b) Set all registration, certification, and renewal fees in  
22 accordance with RCW 43.70.250;

23        (c) Establish forms and procedures necessary to administer this  
24 chapter;

1 (d) Evaluate and designate those schools from which graduation will  
2 be accepted as proof of an applicant's eligibility to receive a  
3 certificate;

4 (e) Determine whether alternative methods of training are  
5 equivalent to formal education, and to establish forms, procedures, and  
6 criteria for evaluation of an applicant's alternative training to  
7 determine the applicant's eligibility to receive a certificate;

8 (f) Issue a certificate to any applicant who has met the education,  
9 training, and conduct requirements for certification; and

10 (g) Issue a registration to an applicant who meets the requirement  
11 for a registration.

12 (2) The secretary may hire clerical, administrative, and  
13 investigative staff as needed to implement this chapter.

14 ~~((2))~~ (3) The uniform disciplinary act, chapter 18.130 RCW,  
15 governs the issuance and denial of registrations and certifications,  
16 unregistered and uncertified practice, and the discipline of  
17 registrants and certificants under this chapter. The secretary (~~shall~~  
18 be)) is the disciplining authority under this chapter."

19 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 12. Sections 4 through 8 and 10 of this act  
20 are each added to chapter 18.84 RCW."

21 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 13. The following acts or parts of acts are  
22 each repealed:

23 (1) RCW 43.131.349 and 1990 c 6 s 1 & 1987 c 412 s 18;

24 (2) RCW 43.131.350 and 1990 c 6 s 2 & 1987 c 412 s 19; and

25 (3) RCW 18.84.900 and 1987 c 412 s 13."

26 "NEW SECTION. Sec. 14. This act is necessary for the immediate  
27 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the

1 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take  
2 effect July 1, 1991."

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6 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "beings;" strike the  
7 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 18.84.010, 18.84.020,  
8 18.84.030, and 18.84.040; adding new sections to chapter 18.84 RCW;  
9 adding a new section to chapter 18.25 RCW; repealing RCW 43.131.349,  
10 43.131.350, and 18.84.900; providing an effective date; and declaring  
11 an emergency."