

AN ACT concerning safety.

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
represented in the General Assembly:**

Section 5. The Radiation Protection Act of 1990 is amended by changing Section 6 as follows:

(420 ILCS 40/6) (from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 210-6)

(Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2027)

Sec. 6. Accreditation of administrators of radiation; Limited scope accreditation; Rules and regulations; Education.

(a) The Agency shall promulgate such rules and regulations as are necessary to establish accreditation standards and procedures, including a minimum course of education and continuing education requirements in the administration of radiation to human beings, which are appropriate to the classification of accreditation and which are to be met by all physician assistants, advanced practice registered nurses, nurses, technicians, or other assistants who administer radiation to human beings under the supervision of a person licensed under the Medical Practice Act of 1987. Such rules and regulations may provide for different classes of accreditation based on evidence of national certification, clinical experience or community hardship as conditions of initial and continuing accreditation. The rules and

regulations of the Agency shall be consistent with national standards in regard to the protection of the health and safety of the general public.

(b) The rules and regulations shall also provide that persons who have been accredited by the Agency, in accordance with the Radiation Protection Act, without passing an examination, will remain accredited as provided in Section 43 of this Act and that those persons may be accredited, without passing an examination, to use other equipment, procedures, or supervision within the original category of accreditation if the Agency receives written assurances from a person licensed under the Medical Practice Act of 1987, that the person accredited has the necessary skill and qualifications for such additional equipment procedures or supervision. The Agency shall, in accordance with subsection (c) of this Section, provide for the accreditation of nurses, technicians, or other assistants, unless exempted elsewhere in this Act, to perform a limited scope of diagnostic radiography procedures of the chest, the extremities, skull and sinuses, or the spine, while under the supervision of a person licensed under the Medical Practice Act of 1987.

(c) The rules or regulations promulgated by the Agency pursuant to subsection (a) shall establish standards and procedures for accrediting persons to perform a limited scope of diagnostic radiography procedures. The rules or regulations shall specify that an individual seeking accreditation for

limited diagnostic radiography shall not apply ionizing radiation to human beings until the individual has passed an Agency-approved examination and is accredited by the Agency.

~~The rules or regulations shall require persons seeking limited scope accreditation to register with the Agency as a "student in training," and declare those procedures in which the student will be receiving training. The student in training registration shall be valid for a period of 16 months, during which the time the student may, under the supervision of a person licensed under the Medical Practice Act of 1987, perform the diagnostic radiography procedures listed on the student's registration. The student in training registration shall be nonrenewable.~~

For an individual ~~Upon expiration of the 16 month training period, the student shall be prohibited from performing diagnostic radiography procedures unless accredited by the Agency to perform such procedures. In order to be accredited to perform a limited scope of diagnostic radiography procedures, he or she~~ an individual must pass an examination approved ~~offered~~ by the Agency. The examination shall be consistent with national standards in regard to protection of public health and safety. The examination shall consist of a standardized component covering general principles applicable to diagnostic radiography procedures and a clinical component specific to the types of procedures for which accreditation is being sought. The Agency may assess a reasonable fee for such

examinations to cover any ~~the~~ costs incurred by the Agency in conjunction with ~~offering~~ the examinations.

(d) The Agency shall by rule or regulation exempt from accreditation physician assistants, advanced practice registered nurses, nurses, technicians, or other assistants who administer radiation to human beings under supervision of a person licensed to practice under the Medical Practice Act of 1987 when the services are performed on employees of a business at a medical facility owned and operated by the business. Such exemption shall only apply to the equipment, procedures and supervision specific to the medical facility owned and operated by the business.

(Source: P.A. 100-513, eff. 1-1-18.)