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1 The Health Care Regulation Committee recommends the following:

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3 **Council/Committee Substitute**

4 Remove the entire bill and insert:

5 A bill to be entitled

6 An act relating to radiologist assistants; amending s.  
7 468.3001, F.S.; redesignating part IV of ch. 468, F.S., as  
8 the "Radiological Personnel Certification Act"; amending  
9 s. 468.301, F.S.; providing definitions; amending s.  
10 468.302, F.S.; providing for identification and duties of  
11 a radiologist assistant; providing for rulemaking by the  
12 Department of Health; providing limitations on duties a  
13 radiologist assistant may perform; amending s. 468.304,  
14 F.S.; providing conditions for qualification for a  
15 radiologist assistant's certificate; amending s. 468.306,  
16 F.S.; specifying the applicants required to pass a  
17 certification examination; requiring the department to  
18 accept certain demonstrations by an applicant for a  
19 certification to practice as a radiologist assistant in  
20 lieu of any examination requirement; amending s. 468.3065,  
21 F.S.; authorizing the Department of Health to issue  
22 certificates by endorsement to certain radiologist  
23 assistants; providing for a fee; amending ss. 468.307,

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24 468.309, 468.3095, 468.3101, 468.311, and 468.3115, F.S.;  
 25 including radiologist assistants in provisions applicable  
 26 to radiologic technologists with respect to requirements  
 27 for certificate display, certificate renewal, change of  
 28 certificate status, grounds for disciplinary action,  
 29 violations, penalties, and injunctive relief; amending s.  
 30 468.314, F.S.; adding a certified radiologist assistant to  
 31 the membership of the Advisory Council on Radiation  
 32 Protection; providing an effective date.

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34 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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36 Section 1. Section 468.3001, Florida Statutes, is amended  
 37 to read:

38 468.3001 Short title.--This part ~~shall be known and~~ may be  
 39 cited as the "Radiological Personnel Radiologic Technologist  
 40 Certification Act."

41 Section 2. Present subsections (4) through (14) of section  
 42 468.301, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (5)  
 43 through (15), respectively, present subsection (15) is  
 44 renumbered as subsection (18), new subsections (4), (16), and  
 45 (17) are added to that section, and present subsection (14) of  
 46 that section is amended, to read:

47 468.301 Definitions.--As used in this part, the term:

48 (4) "Certificateholder" means any person who holds a  
 49 certificate under this part that authorizes that person to use  
 50 radiation on human beings.

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51           ~~(14)~~ (15) "Radiologic technologist" means a person, other  
52 than a licensed practitioner, who is qualified by education,  
53 training, or experience, as more specifically defined in s.  
54 468.302(3)(d)-(g) ~~s. 468.302~~, to use radiation on human beings  
55 under the specific direction and general supervision of a  
56 licensed practitioner in each particular case.

57           (16) "Radiologist" means a physician specializing in  
58 radiology certified by or eligible for certification by the  
59 American Board of Radiology or the American Osteopathic Board of  
60 Radiology, the British Royal College of Radiology, or the  
61 Canadian College of Physicians and Surgeons.

62           (17) "Radiologist assistant" means a person, other than a  
63 licensed practitioner, who is qualified by education and  
64 certification, as set forth in s. 468.304, as an advanced-level  
65 radiologic technologist who works under the supervision of a  
66 radiologist to enhance patient care by assisting the radiologist  
67 in the medical imaging environment.

68           Section 3. Subsections (1), (5), and (6) of section  
69 468.302, Florida Statutes, are amended, paragraph (g) is added  
70 to subsection (2) of that section, and paragraph (h) is added to  
71 subsection (3) of that section, to read:

72           468.302 Use of radiation; identification of certified  
73 persons; limitations; exceptions.--

74           (1) Except as provided in this section, a person may not  
75 use radiation or otherwise practice radiologic technology or any  
76 of the duties of a radiologist assistant on a human being unless  
77 he or she:

78           (a) Is a licensed practitioner; ~~or~~

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79 (b) Is the holder of a certificate, as provided in this  
80 part, and is operating under the direct supervision or general  
81 supervision of a licensed practitioner in each particular case;  
82 or-

83 (c) Is the holder of a radiologist assistant certificate,  
84 as provided in this part, and is operating under the supervision  
85 of a radiologist, as specified in paragraph (3) (h).

86 (2)

87 (g) A person holding a certificate as a radiologist  
88 assistant may use the title "Certified Radiologist Assistant" or  
89 the letters "CRA" after his or her name.

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91 No other person is entitled to so use a title or letters  
92 contained in this subsection or to hold himself or herself out  
93 in any way, whether orally or in writing, expressly or by  
94 implication, as being so certified.

95 (3)

96 (h) A person holding a certificate as a radiologist  
97 assistant may:

98 1. Perform specific duties allowed for a radiologist  
99 assistant as defined by the department by rule. The rule must be  
100 consistent with guidelines adopted by the American College of  
101 Radiology, the American Society of Radiologic Technologists, and  
102 the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists, with the  
103 level of supervision required by such guidelines.

104 2. Not perform nuclear medicine or radiation therapy  
105 procedures unless currently certified and trained to perform  
106 those duties under the person's nuclear medicine technologist or

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107 | radiation therapy technologist certificate, interpret images,  
108 | make diagnoses, or prescribe medications or therapies.

109 | (5) Nothing contained in this part relating to radiologic  
110 | technology or a radiologist assistant shall be construed to  
111 | limit, enlarge, or affect in any respect the practice by duly  
112 | licensed practitioners of their respective professions.

113 | (6) Requirement for certification does not apply to:

114 | (a) A hospital resident who is not a licensed practitioner  
115 | in this state or a student enrolled in and attending a school or  
116 | college of medicine, osteopathic medicine, chiropody, podiatric  
117 | medicine, or chiropractic medicine or a radiologic technology  
118 | educational program or radiologist assistant educational program  
119 | and who applies radiation to a human being while under the  
120 | direct supervision of a licensed practitioner.

121 | (b) A person who is engaged in performing the duties of a  
122 | radiologic technologist or of a radiologist assistant in his or  
123 | her employment by a governmental agency of the United States.

124 | (c) A person who is trained and skilled in cardiopulmonary  
125 | technology and who provides cardiopulmonary technology services  
126 | at the direction, and under the direct supervision, of a  
127 | licensed practitioner.

128 | Section 4. Paragraph (e) of subsection (3) of section  
129 | 468.304, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

130 | 468.304 Certification.--The department shall certify any  
131 | applicant who meets the following criteria:

132 | (3) Submits satisfactory evidence, verified by oath or  
133 | affirmation, that she or he:

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134 (e)1. Has successfully completed an educational program,  
135 which program may be established in a hospital licensed pursuant  
136 to chapter 395 or in an accredited postsecondary academic  
137 institution which is subject to approval by the department as  
138 maintaining a satisfactory standard; or

139 2.a. With respect to an applicant for a basic X-ray  
140 machine operator's certificate, has completed a course of study  
141 approved by the department with appropriate study material  
142 provided the applicant by the department;

143 b. With respect to an applicant for a basic X-ray machine  
144 operator-podiatric medicine certificate, has completed a course  
145 of study approved by the department, provided that such course  
146 of study shall be limited to that information necessary to  
147 perform radiographic procedures within the scope of practice of  
148 a podiatric physician licensed pursuant to chapter 461;

149 c. With respect only to an applicant for a general  
150 radiographer's certificate who is a basic X-ray machine operator  
151 certificateholder, has completed an educational program or a 2-  
152 year training program that takes into account the types of  
153 procedures and level of supervision usually and customarily  
154 practiced in a hospital, which educational or training program  
155 complies with the rules of the department; ~~or~~

156 d. With respect only to an applicant for a nuclear  
157 medicine technologist's certificate who is a general  
158 radiographer certificateholder, has completed an educational  
159 program or a 2-year training program that takes into account the  
160 types of procedures and level of supervision usually and

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161 customarily practiced in a hospital, which educational or  
162 training program complies with the rules of the department; ~~or-~~  
163 e. With respect to an applicant for a radiologist  
164 assistant's certificate who demonstrates to the department that  
165 he or she holds a current certificate or registration as a  
166 radiologist assistant granted by the American Registry of  
167 Radiologic Technologists.

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169 The department may not certify any applicant who has committed  
170 an offense that would constitute a violation of any of the  
171 provisions of s. 468.3101 or the rules adopted thereunder if the  
172 applicant had been certified by the department at the time of  
173 the offense. No application for a limited computed tomography  
174 certificate shall be accepted. All persons holding valid  
175 computed tomography certificates as of October 1, 1984, are  
176 subject to the provisions of s. 468.309.

177 Section 5. Section 468.306, Florida Statutes, is amended  
178 to read:

179 468.306 Examinations.--All applicants for certification as  
180 a radiologic technologist, basic X-ray machine operator, or  
181 basic X-ray machine operator-podiatric medicine, except those  
182 certified pursuant to s. 468.3065, shall be required to pass an  
183 examination. In lieu of an examination for a radiologist  
184 assistant certificate, the department shall accept a  
185 demonstration by the applicant for such a certificate that he or  
186 she holds a current certificate or registration as a radiologist  
187 assistant granted by the American Registry of Radiologic  
188 Technologists. The department may ~~is authorized to~~ develop or

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189 use examinations for each type of certificate. The department  
190 may require an applicant who does not pass an examination after  
191 five attempts to complete additional remedial education, as  
192 specified by rule of the department, before admitting the  
193 applicant to subsequent examinations.

194 (1) The department may ~~shall have the authority to~~  
195 contract with organizations that develop such test examinations.  
196 Examinations may be administered by the department or the  
197 contracting organization.

198 (2) Examinations shall be given for each type of  
199 certificate at least twice a year at such times and places as  
200 the department may determine to be advantageous for applicants.

201 (3) All examinations shall be written and include  
202 positioning, technique, and radiation protection. The department  
203 shall either pass or fail each applicant on the basis of his or  
204 her final grade. The examination for a basic X-ray machine  
205 operator shall include basic positioning and basic techniques  
206 directly related to the skills necessary to safely operate  
207 radiographic equipment.

208 (4) A nonrefundable fee not to exceed \$75 plus the actual  
209 per-applicant cost for purchasing the examination from a  
210 national organization shall be charged for any subsequent  
211 examination.

212 Section 6. Section 468.3065, Florida Statutes, is amended  
213 to read:

214 468.3065 Certification by endorsement.--

215 (1) The department may issue a certificate by endorsement  
216 to practice as a radiologist assistant to an applicant who, upon



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217 applying to the department and remitting a nonrefundable fee not  
 218 to exceed \$50, demonstrates to the department that he or she  
 219 holds a current certificate or registration as a radiologist  
 220 assistant granted by the American Registry of Radiologic  
 221 Technologists.

222 (2) The department may issue a certificate by endorsement  
 223 to practice radiologic technology to an applicant who, upon  
 224 applying to the department and remitting a nonrefundable fee not  
 225 to exceed \$50, demonstrates to the department that he or she  
 226 holds a current certificate, license, or registration to  
 227 practice radiologic technology, provided that the requirements  
 228 for such certificate, license, or registration are deemed by the  
 229 department to be substantially equivalent to those established  
 230 under this part and rules adopted under this part.

231 Section 7. Subsection (3) of section 468.307, Florida  
 232 Statutes, is amended to read:

233 468.307 Certificate; issuance; display.--

234 (3) Every employer of certificateholders ~~radiologic~~  
 235 ~~technologists~~ shall display the certificates of all of such  
 236 employees in a place accessible to view.

237 Section 8. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) and subsections  
 238 (4), (5), (6), and (7) of section 468.309, Florida Statutes, are  
 239 amended to read:

240 468.309 Certificate; duration; renewal; reversion to  
 241 inactive status; members of Armed Forces and spouses.--

242 (1) (a) A ~~radiologic technologist's~~ certificate issued in  
 243 accordance with this part expires as specified in rules adopted  
 244 by the department which establish a procedure for the biennial

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245 renewal of certificates. A certificate shall be renewed by the  
 246 department for a period of 2 years upon payment of a renewal fee  
 247 in an amount not to exceed \$75 and upon submission of a renewal  
 248 application containing such information as the department deems  
 249 necessary to show that the applicant for renewal is a  
 250 certificateholder ~~radiologic technologist~~ in good standing and  
 251 has completed any continuing education requirements that the  
 252 department establishes.

253 (4) Any certificate that is not renewed by its expiration  
 254 date shall automatically be placed in an expired status, and the  
 255 certificateholder may not practice radiologic technology or  
 256 perform the duties of a radiologist assistant until the  
 257 certificate has been reactivated.

258 (5) A certificateholder in good standing remains in good  
 259 standing when he or she becomes a member of the Armed Forces of  
 260 the United States on active duty without paying renewal fees or  
 261 accruing continuing education credits as long as he or she is a  
 262 member of the Armed Forces on active duty and for a period of 6  
 263 months after discharge from active duty, if he or she is not  
 264 engaged in practicing radiologic technology or performing the  
 265 duties of a radiologist assistant in the private sector for  
 266 profit. The certificateholder must pay a renewal fee and  
 267 complete continuing education not to exceed 12 classroom hours  
 268 to renew the certificate.

269 (6) A certificateholder who is in good standing remains in  
 270 good standing if he or she is absent from the state because of  
 271 his or her spouse's active duty with the Armed Forces of the  
 272 United States. The certificateholder remains in good standing

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273 without paying renewal fees or completing continuing education  
274 as long as his or her spouse is a member of the Armed Forces on  
275 active duty and for a period of 6 months after the spouse's  
276 discharge from active duty, if the certificateholder is not  
277 engaged in practicing radiologic technology or performing the  
278 duties of a radiologist assistant in the private sector for  
279 profit. The certificateholder must pay a renewal fee and  
280 complete continuing education not to exceed 12 classroom hours  
281 to renew the certificate.

282 (7) A certificateholder may resign his or her  
283 certification by submitting to the department a written,  
284 notarized resignation on a form specified by the department. The  
285 resignation automatically becomes effective upon the  
286 department's receipt of the resignation form, at which time the  
287 certificateholder's certification automatically becomes null and  
288 void and may not be reactivated or renewed or used to practice  
289 radiologic technology or to perform the duties of a radiologist  
290 assistant. A certificateholder who has resigned may become  
291 certified again only by reapplying to the department for  
292 certification as a new applicant and meeting the certification  
293 requirements pursuant to s. 468.304 or s. 468.3065. Any  
294 disciplinary action that had been imposed on the  
295 certificateholder prior to his or her resignation shall be  
296 tolled until he or she again becomes certified. Any disciplinary  
297 action proposed at the time of the certificateholder's  
298 resignation shall be tolled until he or she again becomes  
299 certified.

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300 Section 9. Paragraphs (a) and (c) of subsection (2) of  
301 section 468.3095, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

302 468.3095 Inactive status; reactivation; automatic  
303 suspension; reinstatement.--

304 (2)(a) A certificate that has been expired for less than  
305 10 years may be reactivated upon payment of the biennial renewal  
306 fee and a late renewal fee, not to exceed \$100, and submission  
307 of a reactivation application containing any information that  
308 the department deems necessary to show that the applicant is a  
309 certificateholder ~~radiologic technologist~~ in good standing and  
310 has met the requirements for continuing education. The  
311 department shall prescribe, by rule, continuing education  
312 requirements as a condition of reactivating a certificate. The  
313 continuing education requirements for reactivating a certificate  
314 may not exceed 10 classroom hours for each year the certificate  
315 was expired and may not exceed 100 classroom hours for all years  
316 in which the certificate was expired.

317 (c) A certificate that has been inactive or expired for 10  
318 years or more automatically becomes null and void and may not be  
319 reactivated, renewed, or used to practice radiologic technology  
320 or to perform the duties of a radiologist assistant. A  
321 certificateholder whose certificate has become null and void may  
322 become certified again only by reapplying to the department as a  
323 new applicant and meeting the requirements of s. 468.304 or s.  
324 468.3065.

325 Section 10. Subsections (1), (2), (3), and (5) of section  
326 468.3101, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

327 468.3101 Disciplinary grounds and actions.--

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328 (1) The department may make or require to be made any  
329 investigations, inspections, evaluations, and tests, and require  
330 the submission of any documents and statements, which it  
331 considers necessary to determine whether a violation of this  
332 part has occurred. The following acts shall be grounds for  
333 disciplinary action as set forth in this section:

334 (a) Procuring, attempting to procure, or renewing a  
335 certificate ~~to practice radiologic technology~~ by bribery, by  
336 fraudulent misrepresentation, or through an error of the  
337 department.

338 (b) Having a voluntary or mandatory certificate to  
339 practice radiologic technology or to perform the duties of a  
340 radiologist assistant revoked, suspended, or otherwise acted  
341 against, including being denied certification, by a national  
342 organization; by a specialty board recognized by the department;  
343 or by a certification authority of another state, territory, or  
344 country.

345 (c) Being convicted or found guilty, regardless of  
346 adjudication, in any jurisdiction of a crime that directly  
347 relates to the practice of radiologic technology or to the  
348 performance of the duties of a radiologist assistant, or to the  
349 ability to practice radiologic technology or the ability to  
350 perform the duties of a radiologist assistant. Pleading nolo  
351 contendere shall be considered a conviction for the purpose of  
352 this provision.

353 (d) Being convicted or found guilty, regardless of  
354 adjudication, in any jurisdiction of a crime against a person.

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355 Pleading nolo contendere shall be considered a conviction for  
356 the purposes of this provision.

357 (e) Making or filing a false report or record that the  
358 certificateholder knows to be false, intentionally or  
359 negligently failing to file a report or record required by state  
360 or federal law, or willfully impeding or obstructing such filing  
361 or inducing another to do so. Such reports or records include  
362 only those reports or records which are signed in the capacity  
363 of the certificateholder ~~as a radiologic technologist~~.

364 (f) Engaging in unprofessional conduct, which includes,  
365 but is not limited to, any departure from, or the failure to  
366 conform to, the standards of practice of radiologic technology  
367 or the standards of practice for radiologist assistants as  
368 established by the department, in which case actual injury need  
369 not be established.

370 (g) Being unable to practice radiologic technology or to  
371 perform the duties of a radiologist assistant with reasonable  
372 skill and safety to patients by reason of illness or use of  
373 alcohol, drugs, narcotics, chemicals, or other materials or as a  
374 result of any mental or physical condition. A certificateholder  
375 ~~radiologic technologist~~ affected under this paragraph shall, at  
376 reasonable intervals, be afforded an opportunity to demonstrate  
377 that he or she can resume the competent practice of his or her  
378 certified profession radiologic technology with reasonable skill  
379 and safety.

380 (h) Failing to report to the department any person who the  
381 certificateholder knows is in violation of this part or of the  
382 rules of the department.

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383 (i) Violating any provision of this part, any rule of the  
384 department, or any lawful order of the department previously  
385 entered in a disciplinary proceeding or failing to comply with a  
386 lawfully issued subpoena of the department.

387 (j) Employing, for the purpose of applying ionizing  
388 radiation or otherwise practicing radiologic technology or  
389 performing the duties of a radiologist assistant on a human  
390 being, any individual who is not certified under the provisions  
391 of this part.

392 (k) Testing positive for any drug, as defined in s.  
393 112.0455, on any confirmed preemployment or employer-required  
394 drug screening when the certificateholder ~~radiologic~~  
395 ~~technologist~~ does not have a lawful prescription and legitimate  
396 medical reason for using such drug.

397 (l) Failing to report to the department in writing within  
398 30 days after the certificateholder has had a voluntary or  
399 mandatory certificate to practice radiologic technology or to  
400 perform the duties of a radiologist assistant revoked,  
401 suspended, or otherwise acted against, including being denied  
402 certification, by a national organization, by a specialty board  
403 recognized by the department, or by a certification authority of  
404 another state, territory, or country.

405 (m) Having been found guilty of, regardless of  
406 adjudication, or pleading guilty or nolo contendere to, any  
407 offense prohibited under s. 435.03 or under any similar statute  
408 of another jurisdiction.

409 (n) Failing to comply with the recommendations of the  
410 department's impaired practitioner program for treatment,

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411 | evaluation, or monitoring. A letter from the director of the  
 412 | impaired practitioner program that the certificateholder is not  
 413 | in compliance shall be considered conclusive proof under this  
 414 | part.

415 |         (2) If the department finds any person or firm guilty of  
 416 | any of the grounds set forth in subsection (1), it may enter an  
 417 | order imposing one or more of the following penalties:

418 |             (a) Refusal to approve an application for certification.

419 |             (b) Revocation or suspension of a certificate.

420 |             (c) Imposition of an administrative fine not to exceed  
 421 | \$1,000 for each count or separate offense.

422 |             (d) Issuance of a reprimand.

423 |             (e) Placement of the certificateholder radiologic  
 424 | ~~technologist~~ on probation for such period of time and subject to  
 425 | such conditions as the department may specify, including  
 426 | requiring the certificateholder radiologic~~technologist~~ to  
 427 | submit to treatment, to undertake further relevant education or  
 428 | training, to take an examination, or to work under the  
 429 | supervision of a licensed practitioner.

430 |         (3) The department shall not reinstate a person's ~~the~~  
 431 | ~~certificate of a radiologic technologist~~, or cause a certificate  
 432 | to be issued to a person it has deemed unqualified, until such  
 433 | time as the department is satisfied that such person has  
 434 | complied with all the terms and conditions set forth in the  
 435 | final order and is capable of safely engaging in the practice of  
 436 | his or her certified profession radiologic~~technology~~.

437 |         (5) A final disciplinary action taken against a  
 438 | certificateholder radiologic~~technologist~~ in another



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439 jurisdiction, whether voluntary or mandatory, shall be  
440 considered conclusive proof of grounds for a disciplinary  
441 proceeding under this part.

442 Section 11. Section 468.311, Florida Statutes, is amended  
443 to read:

444 468.311 Violations; penalties.--Each of the following acts  
445 constitutes a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as  
446 provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083:

447 (1) Practicing radiologic technology or performing the  
448 duties of a radiologist assistant without holding an active  
449 certificate to do so.

450 (2) Using or attempting to use a certificate which has  
451 been suspended or revoked.

452 (3) The willful practice of radiologic technology or the  
453 willful performance of the duties of a radiologist assistant by  
454 a student ~~radiologic technologist~~ without a direct supervisor  
455 being present.

456 (4) Knowingly allowing a student ~~radiologic technologist~~  
457 to practice radiologic technology or perform the duties of a  
458 radiologist assistant without a direct supervisor being present.

459 (5) Obtaining or attempting to obtain a certificate under  
460 this part through bribery or fraudulent misrepresentation.

461 (6) Using any ~~the~~ name or title specified in s. 468.302(2)  
462 ~~"Certified Radiologic Technologist"~~ or any other name or title  
463 which implies that a person is certified to practice radiologic  
464 technology or to perform the duties of a radiologist assistant,  
465 unless such person is duly certified as provided in this part.

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466 (7) Knowingly concealing information relating to the  
467 enforcement of this part or rules adopted pursuant to this part.

468 (8) Employing, for the purpose of applying ionizing  
469 radiation to, or otherwise practicing radiologic technology or  
470 any of the duties of a radiologist assistant on, any human  
471 being, any individual who is not certified under the provisions  
472 of this part.

473 Section 12. Section 468.3115, Florida Statutes, is amended  
474 to read:

475 468.3115 Injunctive relief.--The practice of radiologic  
476 technology or the performance of the duties of a radiologist  
477 assistant in violation of this part, or the performance of any  
478 act prohibited in this part, is declared a nuisance inimical to  
479 the public health, safety, and welfare of this state. In  
480 addition to other remedies provided in this part, the  
481 department, or any state attorney in the name of the people of  
482 this state, may bring an action for an injunction to restrain  
483 such violation until compliance with the provisions of this part  
484 and the rules adopted pursuant to this part has been  
485 demonstrated to the satisfaction of the department.

486 Section 13. Subsections (1), (2), and (5) of section  
487 468.314, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

488 468.314 Advisory Council on Radiation Protection;  
489 appointment; terms; powers; duties.--

490 (1) The Advisory Council on Radiation Protection is  
491 created within the Department of Health and shall consist of 16  
492 ~~15~~ persons to be appointed by the secretary for 3-year terms.

493 (2) The council shall be comprised of:

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- 494 (a) A certified radiologic technologist-radiographer.
- 495 (b) A certified radiologic technologist-nuclear medicine.
- 496 (c) A certified radiologic technologist-therapy.
- 497 (d) A basic X-ray machine operator or a licensed
- 498 practitioner who employs such an operator.
- 499 (e) A board-certified radiologist.
- 500 (f) A board-certified nuclear medicine physician.
- 501 (g) A certified health physicist.
- 502 (h) A certified radiologist assistant.
- 503 (i)~~(h)~~ A representative from the administration of a
- 504 hospital affiliated with a radiologic technology educational
- 505 program.
- 506 (j)~~(i)~~ An expert in environmental radiation matters.
- 507 (k)~~(j)~~ A chiropractic radiologist.
- 508 (l)~~(k)~~ A board-certified podiatric physician.
- 509 (m)~~(l)~~ A board-certified radiological physicist.
- 510 (n)~~(m)~~ A board-certified therapeutic radiologist or board-
- 511 certified radiation oncologist.
- 512 (o)~~(n)~~ Two persons, neither of whom has ever been
- 513 certified pursuant to this part ~~as a radiologic technologist~~ or
- 514 been a member of any closely related profession.
- 515 (5) (a) The council may recommend to the department
- 516 examination procedures for applicants and minimum requirements
- 517 for qualification of applicants.
- 518 (b) The council shall:
- 519 1. Recommend to the department a code of ethics for the
- 520 certificateholder's practice of his or her certified profession
- 521 ~~radiologic technology.~~

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522           2. Make recommendations for the improvement of continuing  
523 education courses.

524           3. Make recommendations to the department on matters  
525 relating to the practice of radiologic technology, the  
526 performance of the duties of a radiologist assistant, and  
527 radiation protection.

528           4. Study the utilization of medical imaging and  
529 nonionizing radiation, such as nuclear magnetic resonance or  
530 similarly related technology, and make recommendations to the  
531 department on the personnel appropriate to conduct such  
532 procedures and the minimum qualifications for such personnel.

533           Section 14. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.