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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

ADOPTED (Y/N)
ADOPTED AS AMENDED (Y/N)
ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION (Y/N)
FAILED TO ADOPT (Y/N)
WITHDRAWN (Y/N)
OTHER

1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Health & Human Services
2 Quality Subcommittee
3 Representative Oliva offered the following:
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5 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

6 Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

7 Delete everything after the enacting clause
8 and insert:

9 Section 1. Subsection (18) is added to section 468.301,
10 Florida Statutes, to read:

11 468.301 Definitions.—As used in this part, the term:

12 (18) "Specialty technologist" means a person, other than a
13 licensed practitioner, who is qualified by education and
14 certification, as set forth in s. 468.304, to use radiation on
15 human beings under the specific direction and general
16 supervision of a licensed practitioner.

17 Section 2. Paragraph (h) is added to subsection (2) and
18 paragraph (i) is added to subsection (3) of section 468.302,
19 Florida Statutes, to read:

20 468.302 Use of radiation; identification of certified
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21 persons; limitations; exceptions.-

22 (2)

23 (h) A person holding a certificate as a specialty
24 technologist may use the title "Certified Radiologic
25 Technologist-X" or the letters "CRT-X" after his or her name,
26 where "X" represents a single- or multiple-letter designation
27 signifying the advanced, postprimary, or specialty area of
28 radiologic technology, such as "CT" for computed tomography or
29 "PET" for positron emission tomography, in which the person is
30 certified by a national organization. The department shall
31 approve these letter designations by rule for each area,
32 consistent with the designation used by a national organization.

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

38 (3)

39 (i) A person holding a certificate as a specialty
40 technologist may perform the specific duties allowed for a
41 specialty technologist as defined by rule of the department.
42 These duties must fall within the scope of practice for that
43 particular advanced, postprimary, or specialty area as set by a
44 national organization.

45 Section 3. Subsection (3) of section 468.304, Florida
46 Statutes, is amended to read:

47 468.304 Certification.—The department shall certify any
48 applicant who meets the following criteria:

49 (3) Submits satisfactory evidence, verified by oath or

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50 affirmation, that she or he:

51 (a) Is at least 18 years of age at the time of application;

52 (b) Is a high school, vocational school, technical school,
53 or college graduate or has successfully completed the
54 requirements for a graduate equivalency diploma (GED) or its
55 equivalent;

56 (c) Is of good moral character;

57 (d) Has passed an examination as specified in s. 468.306 or
58 meets the requirements specified in s. 468.3065; and

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

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

68 b. With respect to an applicant for a basic X-ray machine
69 operator-podiatric medicine certificate, has completed a course
70 of study approved by the department, ~~if provided that~~ such
71 course of study is ~~shall be~~ limited to the ~~that~~ information
72 necessary to perform radiographic procedures within the scope of
73 practice of a podiatric physician licensed pursuant to chapter
74 461;

75 c. With respect only to an applicant for a general
76 radiographer's certificate who is a basic X-ray machine operator
77 certificateholder, has completed an educational program or a 2-
78 year training program that takes into account the types of

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79 procedures and level of supervision usually and customarily
80 practiced in a hospital, which educational or training program
81 complies with the rules of the department;

82 d. With respect only to an applicant for a nuclear medicine
83 technologist's certificate who is a general radiographer
84 certificateholder, has completed an educational program or a 2-
85 year training program that takes into account the types of
86 procedures and level of supervision usually and customarily
87 practiced in a hospital, which educational or training program
88 complies with the rules of the department; ~~or~~

89 e. With respect to an applicant for a radiologist
90 assistant's certificate, ~~who~~ demonstrates to the department that
91 he or she holds a current certificate or registration as a
92 radiologist assistant granted by the American Registry of
93 Radiologic Technologists; or

94 f. With respect to an applicant for a specialty
95 technologist's certificate, demonstrates to the department that
96 he or she holds a current certificate or registration granted by
97 a national organization in a particular advanced, postprimary,
98 or specialty area of radiologic technology, such as computed
99 tomography or positron emission tomography.

100 (4) Submits complete documentation of any criminal offense
101 in any jurisdiction of which the applicant has been found
102 guilty, regardless of whether adjudication of guilt was
103 withheld, or to which the applicant has pled guilty or nolo
104 contendere.

105 (5) Submits complete documentation of any final
106 disciplinary action taken against the applicant by a licensing
107 or regulatory body in any jurisdiction, by a national

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108 organization, or by a specialty board that is recognized by the
109 department. Disciplinary action includes revocation, suspension,
110 probation, reprimand, or being otherwise acted against,
111 including being denied certification or resigning from or
112 nonrenewal of membership taken in lieu of or in settlement of a
113 pending disciplinary case.

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115 The department may not certify any applicant who has committed
116 an offense that would constitute a violation of any of the
117 provisions of s. 468.3101 or applicable ~~the rules adopted~~
118 ~~thereunder~~ if the applicant had been certified by the department
119 at the time of the offense. An ~~No~~ application for a limited
120 computed tomography certificate may not ~~shall~~ be accepted. A
121 person ~~All persons~~ holding a valid computed tomography
122 certificate ~~certificates~~ as of October 1, 1984, is ~~are~~ subject
123 to ~~the provisions of~~ s. 468.309.

124 Section 4. Section 468.306, Florida Statutes, is amended to
125 read:

126 468.306 Examinations.—An applicant ~~All applicants~~ for
127 certification as a radiologic technologist, basic X-ray machine
128 operator, or basic X-ray machine operator-podiatric medicine,
129 except an applicant ~~those~~ certified pursuant to s. 468.3065,
130 shall be required to pass an examination. An applicant for
131 certification as a specialty technologist shall be certified
132 only in accordance with s. 468.3065. An application for
133 certification as a specialty technologist by examination may not
134 be accepted. In lieu of an examination for a radiologist
135 assistant certificate, the department shall accept a
136 demonstration by the applicant for such a certificate that he or

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137 she holds a current certificate or registration as a radiologist
138 assistant granted by the American Registry of Radiologic
139 Technologists. The department may develop or use examinations
140 for each type of certificate. The department may require an
141 applicant who does not pass an examination after five attempts
142 to complete additional remedial education, as specified by rule
143 of the department, before admitting the applicant to subsequent
144 examinations.

145 (1) The department may contract with organizations that
146 develop such test examinations. Examinations may be administered
147 by the department or the contracting organization.

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

151 (3) All examinations must ~~shall~~ be written and must include
152 positioning, technique, and radiation protection. The department
153 shall ~~either~~ pass or fail each applicant on the basis of his or
154 her final grade. The examination for a basic X-ray machine
155 operator must ~~shall~~ include basic positioning and basic
156 techniques directly related to the skills necessary to safely
157 operate radiographic equipment.

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

162 Section 5. Subsection (3) is added to section 468.3065,
163 Florida Statutes, to read:

164 468.3065 Certification by endorsement.—

165 (3) The department may issue a certificate by endorsement

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166 to practice as a specialty technologist to an applicant who,
167 upon applying to the department and remitting a nonrefundable
168 fee not to exceed \$100, demonstrates to the department that he
169 or she holds a current certificate, or registration from a
170 national organization in a particular advanced, postprimary, or
171 specialty area of radiologic technology, such as computed
172 tomography or positron emission tomography.

173 Section 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.
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176 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

177 Remove the entire title and insert:

178 A bill to be entitled
179 An act relating to radiological personnel; amending s.
180 468.301, F.S.; defining the term "specialty
181 technologist" as it relates to the certification of
182 radiological personnel; amending s. 468.302, F.S.;
183 providing titles for persons who hold a certificate as
184 a specialty technologist; authorizing a person holding
185 a certificate as a specialty technologist to perform
186 the specific duties allowed for a specialty
187 technologist as defined by the Department of Health;
188 requiring that the duties fall within the scope of
189 practice of the specialty as set by the national
190 organization for the particular advanced, postprimary,
191 or specialty area; amending s. 468.304, F.S.;
192 providing criteria for certification as a specialty
193 technologist; amending s. 468.306, F.S.; providing for
194 an applicant for certification as a specialty

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Bill No. HB 309 (2012)

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195 technologist to be certified only by endorsement
196 rather than by examination; amending s. 468.3065,
197 F.S.; authorizing the department to issue a
198 certificate by endorsement to practice as a specialty
199 technologist to an applicant who meets certain
200 criteria; providing an effective date.