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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Health Regulation (Garcia) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause
and insert:

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

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

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



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13 supervision of a licensed practitioner.

14 Section 2. Paragraph (h) is added to subsection (2) and
15 paragraph (i) is added to subsection (3) of section 468.302,
16 Florida Statutes, to read:

17 468.302 Use of radiation; identification of certified
18 persons; limitations; exceptions.—

19 (2)

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

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

36 (3)

37 (i) A person holding a certificate as a specialty
38 technologist may perform the specific duties allowed for a
39 specialty technologist as defined by rule of the department.
40 These duties must fall within the scope of practice for the
41 specialty as set by the national organization for that



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42 particular advanced, postprimary, or specialty area.

43 Section 3. Section 468.304, Florida Statutes, is amended to
44 read:

45 468.304 Certification.—The department shall certify any
46 applicant who meets the following criteria:

47 (1) Pays to the department a nonrefundable fee that may not
48 exceed \$100, plus the actual per-applicant cost to the
49 department for purchasing the examination from a national
50 organization.

51 (2) Submits a completed application on a form specified by
52 the department. An incomplete application expires 6 months after
53 initial filing. The application must include the social security
54 number of the applicant. Each applicant shall notify the
55 department in writing of his or her current mailing address.
56 Notwithstanding any other law, service by regular mail to an
57 applicant's last reported mailing address constitutes adequate
58 and sufficient notice of any official departmental communication
59 to the applicant.

60 (3) Submits satisfactory evidence, verified by oath or
61 affirmation, that she or he:

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

63 (b) Is a high school, vocational school, technical school,
64 or college graduate or has successfully completed the
65 requirements for a graduate equivalency diploma (GED) or its
66 equivalent;

67 (c) Is of good moral character;

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

70 (e)1. Has successfully completed an educational program,



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71 which program may be established in a hospital licensed pursuant
72 to chapter 395 or in an accredited postsecondary academic
73 institution which is subject to approval by the department as
74 maintaining a satisfactory standard; or

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

79 b. With respect to an applicant for a basic X-ray machine
80 operator-podiatric medicine certificate, has completed a course
81 of study approved by the department, if ~~provided that~~ such
82 course of study is ~~shall be~~ limited to the ~~that~~ information
83 necessary to perform radiographic procedures within the scope of
84 practice of a podiatric physician licensed pursuant to chapter
85 461;

86 c. With respect only to an applicant for a general
87 radiographer's certificate who is a basic X-ray machine operator
88 certificateholder, has completed an educational program or a 2-
89 year training program that takes into account the types of
90 procedures and level of supervision usually and customarily
91 practiced in a hospital, which educational or training program
92 complies with the rules of the department;

93 d. With respect only to an applicant for a nuclear medicine
94 technologist's certificate who is a general radiographer
95 certificateholder, has completed an educational program or a 2-
96 year training program that takes into account the types of
97 procedures and level of supervision usually and customarily
98 practiced in a hospital, which educational or training program
99 complies with the rules of the department; ~~or~~



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100 e. With respect to an applicant for a radiologist
101 assistant's certificate, ~~who~~ demonstrates to the department that
102 he or she holds a current certificate or registration as a
103 radiologist assistant granted by the American Registry of
104 Radiologic Technologists; or-

105 f. With respect to an applicant for a specialty
106 technologist's certificate, demonstrates to the department that
107 he or she is currently certified by or registered with a
108 national organization that is recognized by the department in an
109 advanced, postprimary, or specialty area of radiologic
110 technology, such as computed tomography or positron emission
111 tomography.

112 (4) Submits complete documentation of any criminal offense
113 in any jurisdiction of which the applicant has been found
114 guilty, regardless of whether adjudication of guilt was
115 withheld, or to which the applicant has pled guilty or nolo
116 contendere.

117 (5) Submits complete documentation of any final
118 disciplinary action taken against the applicant by a licensing
119 or regulatory body in any jurisdiction, by a national
120 organization, or by a specialty board that is recognized by the
121 department. Disciplinary action includes revocation, suspension,
122 probation, reprimand, or being otherwise acted against,
123 including being denied certification or resigning from or
124 nonrenewal of membership taken in lieu of or in settlement of a
125 pending disciplinary case.

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127 The department may not certify any applicant who has committed
128 an offense that would constitute a violation of any of the



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129 provisions of s. 468.3101 or applicable ~~the rules adopted~~
130 ~~thereunder~~ if the applicant had been certified by the department
131 at the time of the offense. An ~~No~~ application for a limited
132 computed tomography certificate may not ~~shall~~ be accepted. A
133 person ~~All persons~~ holding a valid computed tomography
134 certificate ~~certificates~~ as of October 1, 1984, is ~~are~~ subject
135 to ~~the provisions of~~ s. 468.309.

136 Section 4. Section 468.306, Florida Statutes, is amended to
137 read:

138 468.306 Examinations.—An applicant ~~All applicants~~ for
139 certification as a radiologic technologist, basic X-ray machine
140 operator, or basic X-ray machine operator-podiatric medicine,
141 except an applicant ~~those~~ certified pursuant to s. 468.3065,
142 shall be required to pass an examination. An applicant for
143 certification as a specialty technologist shall be certified
144 only in accordance with s. 468.3065. An application for
145 certification as a specialty technologist by examination may not
146 be accepted. In lieu of an examination for a radiologist
147 assistant certificate, the department shall accept a
148 demonstration by the applicant for such a certificate that he or
149 she holds a current certificate or registration as a radiologist
150 assistant granted by the American Registry of Radiologic
151 Technologists. The department may develop or use examinations
152 for each type of certificate. The department may require an
153 applicant who does not pass an examination after five attempts
154 to complete additional remedial education, as specified by rule
155 of the department, before admitting the applicant to subsequent
156 examinations.

157 (1) The department may contract with organizations that



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158 develop such test examinations. Examinations may be administered
159 by the department or the contracting organization.

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

163 (3) All examinations must ~~shall~~ be written and must include
164 positioning, technique, and radiation protection. The department
165 shall ~~either~~ pass or fail each applicant on the basis of his or
166 her final grade. The examination for a basic X-ray machine
167 operator must ~~shall~~ include basic positioning and basic
168 techniques directly related to the skills necessary to safely
169 operate radiographic equipment.

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

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

176 468.3065 Certification by endorsement.—

177 (3) The department may issue a certificate by endorsement
178 to practice as a specialty technologist to an applicant who,
179 upon applying to the department and remitting a nonrefundable
180 fee not to exceed \$100, demonstrates to the department that he
181 or she holds a current certificate, license, or registration
182 from a national organization that is recognized by the
183 department to practice in an advanced, postprimary, or specialty
184 area of radiologic technology, such as computed tomography or
185 positron emission tomography.

186 Section 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.



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And the title is amended as follows:

Delete everything before the enacting clause
and insert:

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to radiological personnel; amending s.
468.301, F.S.; defining the term "specialty
technologist" as it relates to the certification of
radiological personnel; amending s. 468.302, F.S.;
providing titles for persons who hold a certificate as
a specialty technologist; authorizing a person holding
a certificate as a specialty technologist to perform
the specific duties allowed for a specialty
technologist as defined by the Department of Health;
requiring that the duties fall within the scope of
practice of the specialty as set by the national
organization for the particular advanced, postprimary,
or specialty area; amending s. 468.304, F.S.;
providing criteria for certification as a specialty
technologist; amending s. 468.306, F.S.; providing for
an applicant for certification as a specialty
technologist to be certified only by endorsement
rather than by examination; amending s. 468.3065,
F.S.; authorizing the department to issue a
certificate by endorsement to practice as a specialty
technologist to an applicant who meets certain
criteria; providing an effective date.