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


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TO AMEND CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBER 7431,
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AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to amend Republic Act No. 7431, otherwise known as the "Radiologic Technology Act of 1992", to keep it abreast with the developments in the practice of radiologic technology. More than twenty years ago, RA 7431 was enacted in order to regulate the practice of radiologic technology in the Philippines. Through this law, the State intends to protect the public from hazards posed by radiation, as well as to ensure proper diagnosis, treatment, and research through the application of machines and/or equipment that use radiation.

In order to uphold such policy, RA 7431 created the Board of Radiologic Technology composed of three (3) radiologic technologists, one (1) radiologist, and one (1) medical physicist. However, including a radiologist and a medical physicist in the board defeats the intent of the law. Under the law, a radiologist is a licensed physician who specializes in the diagnosis or treatment of diseases with the use of radiation, while a medical physicist specializes in the application of the principles and techniques of physics in medicine. These professions, however, are entirely different from radiologic technology-related professions. While the latter is an auxiliary branch of radiology which deals with the application of radio frequency rays in the diagnosis and treatment of diseases, this set up then does not call for representation of radiologists and medical physicists in the Board.

This proposed measure seeks to address this apparent oversight in the law by excluding the radiologist and medical physicist from the Board of Radiologic Technology.

A reciprocity provision is also included in this measure. This will in effect support the easier movement of Filipino professionals within the ASEAN Community and beyond under the various Mutual Recognition Agreements being negotiated among state parties thereto. The bill, likewise, changes the scope of board examinations for radiologic and x-ray technologists to include more practical subjects, with the corresponding weights of the subjects also modified.

Finally, the bill proposes to include provisions allowing the Professional Regulatory Commission and the Professional Board for Radiologic Technology to introduce regulations for the integration of the x-ray and radiologic technology professions and the implementation of a program for Continuing Professional Development (CPD) to ensure the further

development and continuing competence of the duly licensed professionals in these professions.

In view of the foregoing, immediate passage of his measure is earnestly sought.


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Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

1 **SECTION 1.** Paragraphs (f) and (g) of Section 3 of RA No. 7431 are hereby deleted
2 and paragraphs (h) and (i) of the same Section are correspondingly renumbered as (f) and (g)
3 as follows:

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5 **"Section 3. Definition of Terms.-** As used in this Act, the following
6 terms shall mean:

7 (a) x x x

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9 (b) x x x

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11 (c) x x x

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13 (d) x x x

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15 (e) x x x

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17 **(f) "Radiologist" is a licensed physician who specializes in the diagnosis**
18 **or treatment of disease with the use of radiations;**

19
20 **(g) "Medical Physicist" is a physicist who specializes in the application of**
21 **the principles and techniques of physics in medicine;]**

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23 **[(h)] (f)"Board refers to the Board of Radiologic Technology; and**

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25 **[(i)] (g) "Commission" refers to the Professional Regulation Commission**
26 **created under Presidential Decree No. 223."**

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28 In addition, a new paragraph (h) under Section 3 shall be included, to
29 read as follows:

30
31 **"(H) AIPO REFERS TO THE ACCREDITED AND INTEGRATED**
32 **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION (AIPO) OF X-RAY AND**

1 **RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGISTS THAT THE BOARD HAS**
2 **ACCREDITED, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL BY THE**
3 **COMMISSION, AS THE ONE AND ONLY ACCREDITED**
4 **INTEGRATED NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF X-RAY AND**
5 **RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGISTS.”**
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7 **SEC. 2.** Section 6 of RA 7431 is hereby amended to read as follows:
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9 **"Section 6. Creation of the Board of Radiologic Technology.-** There
10 is hereby created a Board of Radiologic Technology which shall be composed
11 of a chairman and **[four (4)] TWO (2)** members, all of whom shall be
12 appointed by the President of the Philippines upon the recommendation of the
13 Professional Regulation Commission. The Commission shall recommend
14 three (3) radiologic technologists from a list to be submitted by the
15 **[association] AIPO** of radiologic **AND X-RAY** technologists; **[one (1)**
16 **radiologist from a list to be submitted by the association of radiologists;**
17 **and one (1) medical physicist from a list to be submitted by the 9**
18 **association of medical physicist:]** *Provided, however,* That the said
19 association is accredited in accordance with Presidential Decree No. 223:
20 *Provided, further,* That each person whose name is submitted shall possess the
21 qualifications prescribed in Section 7 of this Act."
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23 **SEC. 3.** Section 7 of RA 7431 is hereby amended to include the new sub-sections
24 (b)(3) and (b)(4) and deleting entirely sub-sections (c) and (d), to read as follows:
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26 **Section 7. Qualification of Board Members. –**

27 (a) xxx

28 (1) xxx

29 (2) xxx

30 (3) xxx

31 (4) xxx

32
33 (b) xxx

34 (1) Be a radiologic technologist; **[and]**

35 (2) Have at least ten (10) years practice as radiologic
36 technologists prior to their appointment: *Provided,* That the
37 three (3) radiologic technologists appointed as Chairman and
38 members of the first board shall be deemed automatically
39 registered as radiologic technologists upon assumption of their
40 duties as members.

41 **(3) A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING OF THE AIPO;**
42 **AND**

43 **(4) NOT CONVICTED BY A COURT OF COMPETENT**
44 **JURISDICTION OF AN OFFENSE INVOLVING**
45 **MORAL TURPITUDE.**

46
47 **[(c) One (1) member of the Board shall at the time of his**
48 **appointment:**

49 **(1) Be a radiologist; and**

1 (2) Has at least ten (10) years practice as a radiologist prior
2 to his appointment.
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4 (d) One (1) member of the Board shall at the time of his
5 Appointment:

6 (1) Be a medical physicist; and

7 (2) Has at least ten (10) years practice as a medical
8 physicist.]"

9 SEC. 4. Section 9 of RA 7431 is hereby amended to include new paragraphs (g) and
10 (h) 2 to read as follows:
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12 "(G) TO ENSURE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE
13 PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE OF X-RAY AND
14 RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGISTS THROUGH MANDATORY
15 CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CPD);
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17 (H) TO PROMOTE THE INTEGRATION OF THE X-RAY AND
18 RADIOLOGIC PROFESSIONS BY ACCREDITING THE AIPO
19 OR ACCREDITED AND INTEGRATED PROFESSIONAL
20 ORGANIZATION FOR SAID PROFESSIONS;"
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22 The existing paragraphs (g) and (h) of Section 9 shall hereinafter be re-labeled as
23 paragraphs (i) and (j), respectively.
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25 SEC. 5. Paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (t) and (g) of Section 20 of RA 7431 are
26 hereby and substituted to read as follows:
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28 "Section 20. *Scope of Examination in X-ray Technology.* – Unless
29 changed or modified by the Board, the examination in x-ray technology shall
30 cover the following subjects with the corresponding weighs as follows:
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- 32 [(a) x x x
33 (b) x x x
34 (c) x x x
35 (d) x x x
36 (e) x x x
37 (f) x x x
38 (g)x x x.]

39 (a) Image Production and Evaluation
40 Photochemistry and Darkroom Procedures, Radiographic
41 Technique and Film Analysis25%
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43 (b) Patient Care & Management
44 Anatomy, Physiology & Medical Terminology, Nursing
45 Procedures, Department Administration Ethics with
46 jurisprudence..... 25%
47

48 (c) Radiographic Procedures and Techniques 30%
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2 (e) Radiological Sciences
3 Ultrasound, Radiation Therapy, Nuclear Medicine
4 Radiologic Pathology, Computed Tomography, Magnetic
5 Resonance Imaging, Digital Subtraction Angiography20%

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7 **ALL SUCCESSFUL EXAMINEES IN THE X-RAY**
8 **TECHNOLOGY EXAMINATION ARE NOT REQUIRED TO TAKE**
9 **THE X-RAY TECHNOLOGY SUBJECTS WHICH ARE**
10 **ENUMERATED IN SECTION 20, BUT MUST TAKE ONLY THE**
11 **RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY SUBJECTS SUCH AS:**

12 **A) ULTRASOUND 20%**

13
14 **B) RADIATION THERAPY 20%**

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16 **C) NUCLEAR MEDICINE15%**

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18 **D) RADIOLOGIC PATHOLOGY15%**

19
20 **E) COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY15%**

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22 **F) MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING15%"**

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24 **SEC. 7.** Section 22 of RA 7431 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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26 **"Section 22. Report of Ratings.-** The Board shall, within [one
27 **hundred twenty (120)] A PERIOD OF TEN (10)** days after the date of
28 **completion of the examination, report the rating obtained by each candidate to**
29 **the Commission which shall submit such report to the President of the**
30 **Philippines for approval.**

31 **X X X**

32 **X X X"**

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34 **SEC. 8.** A new section is hereby inserted after Section 24 of R.A No. 7431 to read as
35 26 follows:

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37 **"SEC 25. FOREIGN RECIPROCITY.- NO FOREIGN RADIOLOGIC**
38 **TECHNOLOGIST PROFESSIONAL SHALL BE GIVEN A CERTIFICATE**
39 **OF REGISTRATION/PROFESSIONAL LICENSE AND PROFESSIONAL**
40 **IDENTIFICATION CARD OR BE ENTITLED TO ANY OF THE**
41 **PRIVILEGES UNDER THIS ACT UNLESS THE COUNTRY OF WHICH**
42 **THE FOREIGN RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGIST PROFESSIONAL IS A**
43 **SUBJECT OR CITIZEN SPECIFICALLY PERMITS FILIPINO**
44 **RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGIST PROFESSIONALS TO PRACTICE**
45 **WITHIN ITS TERRITORIAL LIMITS ON THE SAME BASIS AS THE**
46 **SUBJECTS OR CITIZENS OF SAID COUNTRY OR STATE.**

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48 The existing Sections 25 to 30 shall be re-numbered accordingly as Sections 26 to 31,
49 respectively.

1 **SEC. 9. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, decrees, orders, and other issuances, rules and
2 regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified
3 accordingly.

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5 **SEC. 10. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete
6 publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation in the country or the Official
7 Gazette.

Approved,