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AN ACT
TO AMEND CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7431,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY ACT OF 1992",
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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

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

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

(a) x x x

(b) x x x

(c) x x x

(d) x x x

(e) x x x

(f) [Radiologist is a licensed physician who specializes in the diagnosis or treatment of disease with the use of radiation;

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

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

1 [(i)] (g) Commission refers to the Professional Regulation Commission.

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

4 **(H) AIPO REFERS TO THE ACCREDITED AND INTEGRATED**
5 **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION OF X-RAY TECHNOLOGISTS**
6 **AND RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGISTS THAT THE BOARD HAS**
7 **ACCREDITED, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL BY THE**
8 **COMMISSION, AS THE ONE AND ONLY ACCREDITED**
9 **INTEGRATED NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF X-RAY**
10 **TECHNOLOGISTS AND RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGISTS.**

11 **SEC. 2.** Section 6 of RA 7431 is hereby amended to read as follows:

12 **"Section 6. Creation of the Board of Radiologic Technology.-** There
13 is hereby created a **PROFESSIONAL REGULATORY** Board of Radiologic
14 Technology which shall be composed of a Chairman and four (4) Members,
15 all of whom shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines upon the
16 recommendation of the Professional Regulation Commission. The
17 Commission shall recommend three (3) radiologic technologists from a list
18 **OF FIVE (5) NOMINEES PER VACANCY** to be submitted by the
19 **[association] AIPO of X-RAY TECHNOLOGISTS AND** radiologic
20 technologists; **[one (1) radiologist from a list to be submitted by the**
21 **association of radiologists; and one (1) medical physicist from a list to be**
22 **submitted by the association of medical physicist: *Provided, however,***
23 **That the said association is accredited in accordance with Presidential**
24 **Decree No. 223:] *Provided, [further,]*** That each person whose name is
25 submitted shall possess the qualifications prescribed in Section 7 of this Act."

SEC. 3. Section 7 of RA 7431 is hereby amended to include the new sub-sections (7) and (8) and deleting entirely sub-sections (c) and (d), to read as follows:.

“Section 7. *Qualification of Board Members.* –

(a) xxx

(1) xxx

(2) xxx

(3) xxx

(4) xxx

[(b) xxx]

[(1)] (5) Be a radiologic technologist; [and]

[(2)] (6) [Have] HAS at least ten (10) years practice as A radiologic technologist[s] prior to [their] appointment:

[Provided, That the three (3) radiologic technologists appointed as Chairman and members of the first board shall be deemed automatically registered as radiologic technologists upon assumption of their duties as members.]

[(3)] (7) BE A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING OF THE AIPO; AND

[(4)] (8) HAS NOT BEEN CONVICTED BY A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION OF AN OFFENSE INVOLVING MORAL TURPITUDE.

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

(1) Be a radiologist; and

1 (2) Has at least ten (10) years practice as a radiologist prior
2 to his appointment.

3 (d) One (1) member of the Board shall at the time of his
4 Appointment:

5 (1) Be a medical physicist; and

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

8 SEC. 4. Section 9 of RA 7431 is hereby amended to include new paragraphs (g) and
9 (h) to read as follows:

10 "(G) TO ENSURE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE
11 PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE OF X-RAY
12 TECHNOLOGISTS AND RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGISTS
13 THROUGH MANDATORY CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL
14 DEVELOPMENT;
15 (H) TO PROMOTE THE INTEGRATION OF THE X-RAY
16 TECHNOLOGY AND RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY
17 PROFESSIONS;"

18 The existing paragraphs (g) and (h) of Section 9 shall hereinafter be re-labeled as
19 paragraphs (i) and (j), respectively.

20 SEC. 5. Paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) and (g) of Section 20 of RA 7431 are
21 hereby amended to read as follows:

22 "Section 20. *Scope of Examination in X-ray Technology.* – Unless
23 changed or modified by the Board, the examination in x-ray technology shall
24 cover the following subjects with the corresponding weighs as follows:

25 [(a) x x x

1	(b) x x x
2	(c) x x x
3	(d) x x x
4	(e) x x x
5	(f) x x x
6	(g)x x x.]
7	(a) Radiologic Physics, Equipment and Maintenance
8	Radiobiology and Radiation Protection, Quality Assurance
9	25%
10	1. Radiologic Physics
11	2. Equipment and Maintenance
12	3. Radiobiology and Radiation Protection
13	4. Quality Assurance and Quality Control
14	(b) Image Production and Evaluation25%
15	1. Principles of Imaging
16	2. Image Processing and Analysis
17	(c) Radiologic Procedures 25%
18	1. Radiologic Positioning and Radiologic Procedures
19	2. Radiologic Contrast Examinations
20	(d) Patient Care, Management, Ethics and Jurisprudence, Human
21	Anatomy, Medical Terminology 25%
22	1. Patient Care
23	2. Department Administration
24	3. Professional Ethics and Jurisprudence
25	4. Human Anatomy and Physiology

1 **5. Medical Terminology”**

2 **SEC. 6.** Section 21 of RA 7431 is hereby amended to read as follows:

3 **“Section 21. *Scope of Examination in Radiologic Technology* –**

4 Unless changed or modified by the Board, the examination in radiologic
5 technology shall cover the following subjects with corresponding weights as
6 follows:

- 7 **[(a) xxx**
8 **(b) xxx**
9 **(c) xxx**
10 **(d) xxx**
11 **(e) xxx**
12 **(f) xxx**
13 **(g) xxx**
14 **(h) xxx**
15 **(i) xxx**
16 **(j) xxx]**

17 **Radiologic Physics, Equipment and Maintenance Radiobiology and**
18 **Radiation, Protection, Quality Assurance 20%**

- 19 1. Radiologic Physics
20 2. Equipment and Maintenance
21 3. Radiobiology and Radiation Protection
22 4. Quality Assurance and Quality Control

23 **(a) Image Production and Evaluation 20%**

- 24 1. Principles of Imaging
25 2. Image Processing and Analysis

1 (b) Radiologic Procedures 20%

2 1. Radiographic Positioning and Radiologic Procedures

3 2. Radiologic Contrast Examinations

4 (c) Patient Care, Management, Ethics and Jurisprudence, Human

5 Anatomy, Medical Terminology 20%

6 1. Patient Care

7 2. Department Administration

8 3. Professional Ethics and Jurisprudence

9 4. Human Anatomy and Physiology

10 5. Medical Terminology

11 (d) Radiological Sciences 20%

12 1. Radiographic Pathology

13 2. Venipuncture

14 3. Ultrasound

15 4. Computed Tomography

16 5. Magnetic Resonance Imaging

17 6. Interventional Therapy”

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

19 "Section 22. *Report of Ratings.*- The Board shall, within [one
20 hundred twenty (120)] A PERIOD OF TEN (10) days after the date of
21 completion of the examination, **UNLESS EXTENDED FOR JUST AND**
22 **MERITORIOUS CAUSE**, report the rating obtained by each candidate to the
23 Commission. [which shall submit such report to the President of the
24 Philippines for approval].

25 XXX

1 xxx”

2 **SEC. 8.** A new section is hereby inserted after Section 21 of R.A No. 7431 to read as
3 follows:

4 **"SEC 22. FOREIGN RECIPROCITY.- NO FOREIGN X-RAY**
5 **TECHNOLOGIST OR RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGIST SHALL BE GIVEN**
6 **A CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION (COR) AND PROFESSIONAL**
7 **IDENTIFICATION CARD (PIC) OR BE ENTITLED TO ANY OF THE**
8 **PRIVILEGES UNDER THIS ACT UNLESS THE COUNTRY OF WHICH**
9 **THE FOREIGN X-RAY TECHNOLOGIST OR RADIOLOGIC**
10 **TECHNOLOGIST IS A SUBJECT OR CITIZEN OF SPECIFICALLY**
11 **PERMITS FILIPINO X-RAY TECHNOLOGISTS OR RADIOLOGIC**
12 **TECHNOLOGISTS TO PRACTICE WITHIN ITS TERRITORIAL LIMITS**
13 **ON THE SAME BASIS AS THE SUBJECTS OR CITIZENS OF SAID**
14 **COUNTRY OR STATE.**

15 **SEC. 9.** Section 25 of RA 7431 is hereby amended to read as follows:

16 **"SECTION 25. FEES. APPLICANTS FOR EXAMINATION,**
17 **REGISTRATION, REPLACEMENT OF LOST OR DESTROYED COR OR**
18 **PIC OR REISSUANCE OF REVOKED COR SHALL PAY THE**
19 **CORRESPONDING FEES AS MAY BE PRESCRIBED BY THE**
20 **COMMISSION. [Unless otherwise fixed by the Commission, each examinee or**
21 **registrant shall pay the following fees:**

22 **(a) For application for examination P350.00**

23 **(b) For registration after passing the board examinations P250.00**

24 **(c) For registration without examination P250.00**

25 **(d) For replacement of lost or destroyed certificate of registration P100.00**

1 (e) For reissuance of revoked certificate P100.00]

2 SEC. 10. A new Section is hereby inserted after Section 25 to read as:

3 "SECTION 26. INTEGRATION OF THE X-RAY TECHNOLOGY AND
4 RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY PROFESSIONS. - THE X-RAY
5 TECHNOLOGY AND RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY PROFESSIONS
6 SHALL BE INTEGRATED INTO ONE (1) NATIONAL ORGANIZATION
7 WHICH SHALL BE ACCREDITED BY THE BOARD, SUBJECT TO THE
8 APPROVAL BY THE COMMISSION, AS THE AIPO OF XRAY
9 TECHNOLOGISTS AND RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGISTS. ALL XRAY
10 TECHNOLOGISTS AND RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGISTS DULY
11 REGISTERED WITH THE BOARD SHALL AUTOMATICALLY BECOME
12 MEMBERS OF THE AIPO, AND SHALL RECEIVE THE BENEFITS AND
13 PRIVILEGES AS WELL AS BE SUBJECT TO THE DUTIES AND
14 OBLIGATIONS APPERTAINING TO SUCH MEMBERSHIP UPON
15 PAYMENT OF THE REQUIRED FEES AND DUES. MEMBERSHIP IN THE
16 AIPO SHALL NOT BE A BAR TO MEMBERSHIP IN OTHER
17 ASSOCIATIONS OF XRAY TECHNOLOGISTS AND RADIOLOGIC
18 TECHNOLOGISTS."

19 SEC. 11. Section 26 of RA 7431 is hereby further amended to read as:

20 "Section 26. Penal Provisions. - Any person who shall practice X-RAY
21 TECHNOLOGY OR RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY in the Philippines, within
22 the meaning of this Act, with any of the following attending circumstances shall, upon
23 conviction by final judgment, be punished with a fine of not less than Ten Thousand
24 Pesos (P10,000.00) not more than Forty Thousand Pesos (P40,000.00), or by

1 imprisonment of not less than one (1) year nor more than six (6) years, or both, at the
2 discretion of the court:

3 (a) x x x

4 (b) x x x

5 (c) x x x

6 (d) x x x

7 (e) x x x

8 (f) x x x

9 **SEC. 12. *Repealing Clause.*** – All laws, decrees, orders, and other issuances, rules
10 and regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified
11 accordingly.

12 **SEC. 13. *Effectivity.*** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete
13 publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation in the country or in the Official
14 Gazette.

Approved,