

CHAPTER 328

(House Bill 1517)

AN ACT concerning

Respiratory Care Practitioners, Radiation Therapists, Radiographers, ~~and~~ Nuclear Medicine Technologists, and Radiologist Assistants – Various Changes

FOR the purpose of repealing the State Board of Physician's authority to place respiratory care practitioners on inactive status and issue temporary licenses to respiratory care practitioners; altering certain qualifications for consumer members on the Respiratory Care Professional Standards Committee and on the Radiation Therapy, Radiography, ~~and~~ Nuclear Medicine Technology, and Radiology Assistance Advisory Committee; requiring the committees to elect chairmen at certain times; altering the duties of the committees; altering the membership of a certain committee; requiring a certain committee to make certain recommendations, review certain applications, investigate certain complaints, and provide certain advice regarding radiologist assistants; establishing that certain students of respiratory care, radiation therapy, radiography, ~~and~~ nuclear medicine technology, and radiology assistance who are enrolled and practicing in certain education programs are not required to hold certain licenses; repealing certain provisions regarding veterans in certain respiratory care educational programs; altering certain licensure, renewal, and reinstatement requirements for respiratory care practitioners, radiation therapists, radiographers, and nuclear medicine technologists; requiring that certain individuals be licensed by the Board to practice radiology assistance on or before a certain date; establishing certain qualifications for certain radiologist assistants; providing for the renewal and reinstatement of certain licenses for radiologist assistants; authorizing the Board to deny, reprimand, place on probation, or suspend or revoke the licensure of a radiologist assistant under certain circumstances; requiring certain reports to be filed by certain health care institutions regarding radiologist assistants; allowing certain exceptions to filing certain reports; requiring certain notification of entrance into certain treatment programs; prohibiting the unauthorized practice of radiology assistance; prohibiting the practice or representation of the ability to practice radiology assistance without a certain license; repealing a requirement that the Board send certain notice by a certain method; establishing certain civil penalties for failure by respiratory care practitioners, radiation therapists, radiographers, ~~and~~ nuclear medicine technologists, and radiologist assistants to complete certain continuing education credits; establishing that certain licenses may not be renewed for longer than a certain number of years; requiring that certain respiratory care practitioners, radiation therapists, radiographers, ~~and~~ nuclear