HB 884 -- RADIOGRAPHIC IMAGING OR RADIATION THERAPY PERSONNEL

SPONSOR: Swan

After January 1, 2020, this bill requires a person to be licensed by the State Board of Registration for the Healing Arts within the Department of Insurance, Financial Registration and Professional Registration in order to perform radiologic imaging or radiation therapy procedures on humans for diagnostic or therapeutic purposes. The board must issue a license to an individual certified by a certification organization that meets the licensure standards established by the board.

The bill creates the "Missouri Radiologic Imaging and Radiation Therapy Advisory Committee," which shall guide, advise, and make recommendations to the board in matters relating to radiologic imaging and radiation therapy, as specified in the bill. The board, based on recommendations from the committee, is responsible for:

(1) Establishing scopes of practice;

(2) Promulgating rules for the issuance of a license, or the denial, suspension, revocation, or refusal to renew a license;

(3) Charging and collecting fees; and

(4) Creating alternative licensure requirements for remote areas of the state.

Anyone who violates any provision of the bill shall be guilty of a class A misdemeanor for each violation. The board may assess a civil penalty of less than \$200 for each violation.

This bill allows someone currently engaged in the practice of radiologic imaging and radiation therapy may be exempted from the licensure requirement, if he or she registers with the board and complies with specific requirements as described in the bill.

This bill is similar to SB 303 (2019), SB 926 (2018), HB 2468 (2018), SCS SB 407 (2017), HB 789 (2017), and HB 601 (2017).