

HB 1426 -- RADIOLOGIC IMAGING AND RADIATION THERAPY PERSONNEL

SPONSOR: Porter

After January 1, 2022, this bill requires a person to be licensed by the Department of Health and Senior Services in order to perform radiologic imaging or radiation therapy procedures on humans for diagnostic or therapeutic purposes. The bill makes exceptions for a licensed dental hygienist or dental assistant; a resident physician attending medical school; and a medical, chiropractic, podiatry, dentistry, radiologic imaging, or radiation therapy student under supervision; a person employed by the United States government when performing radiologic imaging or radiation therapy associated with that employment.

The bill creates the "Missouri Radiologic Imaging and Radiation Therapy Advisory Committee," which shall guide, advise, and make recommendations to the Department in matters relating to radiologic imaging and radiation therapy, as specified in the bill.

The bill empowers the Department, based on recommendations from the Committee, to establish scopes of practice for limited x-ray machine operators, nuclear medicine technologists, nuclear medicine advanced associates, radiation therapists, radiographers, and radiologist assistants. The Department must establish the minimum requirements of licensure and the recognition of licenses issues by other states, as well as the minimum requirements for continuing education and licensure renewal. The Department is also required to determine the licensure and renewal fees and contract for a competency-based examination for the determination of limited x-ray machine operator qualifications for licensure.

The Department must create alternative licensure requirements for retired military personnel and spouses of active-duty military personnel, as well as individuals working in rural health clinics and areas of this state that the Department deems too remote to contain a sufficient number of licensees.

Under the provisions of this bill, a person who has been engaging in the practice of radiologic imaging and radiation therapy, other than a radiologist assistant or nuclear medicine advanced associate, who does not hold a current certification and registration by a certification organization recognized by the Department can continue to practice in the area in which he or she is currently employed if the person registers with the Department by January 1, 2022; does not change the scope of his or her current practice or place of employment; completes all continuing education requirements for his or her modality biennially; practices only under the supervision of a licensed practitioner; and obtains a

license by October 1, 2024.

This bill is similar to HB 884 (2019).