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ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1092

Introduced by Assembly Member Mullin

February 27, 2015

An act to add Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 1400) to Division 2 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to magnetic resonance imaging technologists.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1092, as amended, Mullin. Magnetic resonance imaging technologists.

Existing law provides for the licensure and regulation of various healing arts practitioners by boards within the Department of Consumer Affairs. Existing law also provides for the certification and regulation of radiologic technologists by the State Department of Public Health.

This bill would provide for the registration of magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) technologists, as defined, with the State Department of Public Health. The bill would authorize the department to issue a citation and civil penalty to a person acting as an MRI technologist without being registered. The bill would require the department to maintain an official roster of registered MRI ~~technologists, and~~ *technologists, as specified. The bill* would authorize the department to impose ~~fees a fee~~ on a registrant in an amount reasonably sufficient to cover the administrative costs of the registration ~~program~~ *program, but would exempt a certified radiologic technologist from paying that fee.*

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 1400) is
2 added to Division 2 of the Business and Professions Code, to read:

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4 CHAPTER 3.5. MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING TECHNOLOGISTS
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6 1400. For purposes of this chapter, the following definitions
7 apply:

- 8 (a) "Department" means the State Department of Public Health.
- 9 (b) "MRI" means magnetic resonance imaging.
- 10 (c) "MRI technologist" means a person who operates MRI
11 equipment to produce cross-sectional images of a patient's body
12 for diagnostic purposes.
- 13 (d) "Serious disability" has the same meaning as defined in
14 Section 1279.1 of the Health and Safety Code.

15 1401. A person shall not hold himself or herself out as an MRI
16 technologist without registering with the department pursuant to
17 this chapter.

18 1402. (a) The department shall maintain an official roster of
19 registered MRI technologists, and shall record all of the following
20 information:

- 21 (1) The location, employer, and supervisor of each MRI
22 technologist.
- 23 (2) A description of the practice of each MRI technologist,
24 including the services provided.
- 25 (3) Any certification possessed by the MRI technologist, if
26 applicable.

27 (b) A radiologic technologist certified under subdivision (b) or
28 (c) of Section 114870 of the Health and Safety Code may provide
29 the information described in subdivision (a) in accordance with
30 any of the following:

- 31 (1) As part of the radiologic technologist's initial application
32 for certification.
- 33 (2) As part of the radiologic technologist's request for renewal
34 of certification.
- 35 (3) By use of a method established by the department.

1 (b)

2 (c) (1) The department may impose a fee for the registration
3 of an MRI technologist in an amount that is no greater than the
4 amount reasonably sufficient to cover the administrative costs of
5 the registration program.

6 (2) *A radiologic technologist certified under subdivision (b) or
7 (c) of Section 114870 of the Health and Safety Code is not required
8 to pay a registration fee under this chapter.*

9 1403. ~~A~~ *An employer of a registered MRI technologist shall
10 report to the department ~~any accident~~ an accident resulting from
11 the use or malfunction of MRI equipment, within 30 days of its
12 occurrence, that resulted in ~~injury~~ the serious disability or death
13 ~~to~~ of a patient, damage to the property of a patient, or damage to
14 the MRI equipment.*

15 1404. The department may issue a citation to a person if he or
16 she is acting in the capacity of, or engaging in the practice of, an
17 MRI technologist without being registered with the department.
18 The citation shall contain an order of abatement and an assessment
19 of a civil penalty in an amount not less than two hundred dollars
20 (\$200) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

21 1405. This chapter does not authorize an MRI technologist to
22 practice medicine, surgery, or any other form of healing.