



# Arkansas Department of Health

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## **PROPOSED REVISIONS TO RULES PERTAINING TO RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY LICENSURE**

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### **PURPOSE**

The Arkansas Department of Health (Department) is seeking Governor Hutchinson's review of proposed amendments to the Rules Pertaining to Radiologic Technology Licensure.

### **BACKGROUND**

Pursuant to A.C.A. § 17-106-101 et seq. the Department has authority to promulgate the Rules Pertaining to Radiologic Technology Licensure. These rules govern the qualifications for licensure of individuals who apply ionizing radiation to humans for medical purposes.

### **KEY POINTS**

The proposed rule:

- Makes Changes to comply with 2021 legislation.

### **DISCUSSION**

The Rules Pertaining to Radiologic Technology Licensure are duly adopted and promulgated by the Arkansas Board of Health pursuant to the authority expressly conferred by the laws of the State of Arkansas including, without limitation, the Consumer-Patient Radiation Health and Safety Act, specifically Ark. Code Ann. § 17-106-101 et seq.

The Radiation Control Section of the Department licenses individuals who apply ionizing radiation to humans for medical purposes. This involves the use of x-ray equipment and nuclear medicine procedures.

The Section licenses radiologic technologists with national professional credentials and medical staff who have passed national examinations allowing them to take limited radiographs.

During the 2021 Legislative Session, four (4) Acts require Radiologic Technology Licensure rule revision. These are:

- Act 135 - Modification for the automatic licensure requirements for uniformed service members.
- Act 725 - Provision of waiver of initial fees associated with professional and occupational license.
- Act 746 – Allows for licensing of individuals who fulfill the requirements to practice an occupations or profession and hold a Work Permit.
- Act 811 - “Earn to Learn” Allows individuals to work and earn a paycheck while also fulfilling licensing requirements

### **RECOMMENDATION**

We recommend that the proposed amendments to the Rules Pertaining to Radiologic Technology Licensure be approved as proposed by the Department.