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House Bill No. 7092



Introduced by **MAGDALO Party-List Representative**
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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill seeks to amend Republic Act No. 7431, otherwise known as the "Radiologic Technology Act of 1992", to keep it abreast with the developments in the practice of radiologic technology. More than twenty years ago, RA 7431 was enacted in order to regulate the practice of radiologic technology in the Philippines. Through this law, the State intends to protect the public from hazards posed by radiation, as well as to ensure proper diagnosis, treatment, and research through the application of machines and/or equipment that use radiation.

In order to uphold such policy, RA 7431 created the Board of Radiologic Technology composed of three (3) radiologic technologists, one (1) radiologist, and one (1) medical physicist. However, including a radiologist and a medical physicist in the board defeats the intent of the law. Under the law, a radiologist is a licensed physician who specializes in the diagnosis or treatment of diseases with the use of radiation, while a medical physicist specializes in the application of the principles and techniques of physics in medicine. These professions, however, are entirely different from radiologic technology-related professions.

This proposed measure seeks to address this apparent oversight in the law by excluding the radiologist and medical physicist from the Board of Radiologic Technology.

A reciprocity provision is also included in this measure. This will in effect support the easier movement of Filipino professionals within the ASEAN Community and beyond under the various Mutual Recognition Agreements being negotiated among state parties thereto. The bill, likewise, changes the scope of board of board examinations for radiologic and x-ray technologists to include more practical subjects, with the corresponding weights of the subjects also modified.

Finally, the bill proposes to include provisions allowing the Professional Regulatory Commission and the Professional Board for Radiologic Technology to introduce regulations for the integration of the x-ray and radiologic technology professions and the implementation of a program for Continuing Professional Development (CPD) to ensure the further development and continuing competence of the duly licensed professionals in these professions.

In view of the foregoing, immediate passage of his measure is earnestly sought.


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AN ACT
TO AMEND CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT NUMBER 7431,
OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY ACT OF 1992", AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES

*Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Philippines in
Congress assembled:*

SECTION 1. Paragraphs (f) and (g) of Section 3 of RA No. 7431 are hereby deleted and
paragraphs (h) and (i) of the same Section are correspondingly renumbered as (f) and (g) as
follows:

"Section 3. Definition of Terms.- As used in this Act, the following terms
shall mean:

(a) x x x

(b) x x x

(c) x x x

(d) x x x

(e) x x x

(f) "Radiologist" is a licensed physician who specializes in the diagnosis or
treatment of disease with the use of radiations;

(g) "Medical Physicist" is a physicist who specializes in the application of the
principles and techniques of physics in medicine;]

[(h)] (f)"Board refers to the Board of Radiologic Technology; and

[(i)] (g) "Commission" refers to the Professional Regulation Commission created
under Presidential Decree No. 223."

In addition, a new paragraph (h) under Section 3 shall be included, to read
as follows:

**"(H) AIPO REFERS TO THE ACCREDITED AND INTEGRATED
PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION (AIPO) OF X-RAY AND
RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGISTS THAT THE BOARD HAS
ACCREDITED, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL BY THE COMMISSION,
AS THE ONE AND ONLY ACCREDITED INTEGRATED NATIONAL
ORGANIZATION OF X-RAY AND RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGISTS."**

1 SEC. 2. Section 6 of RA 7431 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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3 **"Section 6. Creation of the Board of Radiologic Technology.-** There is
4 hereby created a Board of Radiologic Technology which shall be composed of a
5 chairman and **[four (4)] TWO (2)** members, all of whom shall be appointed by
6 the President of the Philippines upon the recommendation of the Professional
7 Regulation Commission. The Commission shall recommend three (3) radiologic
8 technologists from a list to be submitted by the **[association] AIPO** of radiologic
9 **AND X-RAY** technologists; **[one (1) radiologist from a list to be submitted by**
10 **the association of radiologists; and one (1) medical physicist from a list to be**
11 **submitted by the 9 association of medical physicist:]** *Provided, however,* That
12 the said association is accredited in accordance with Presidential Decree No. 223:
13 *Provided, further,* That each person whose name is submitted shall possess the
14 qualifications prescribed in Section 7 of this Act."
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16 SEC. 3. Section 7 of RA 7431 is hereby amended to include the new sub-sections (b)(3)
17 and (b)(4) and deleting entirely sub-sections (c) and (d), to read as follows:.

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19 **Section 7. Qualification of Board Members. –**

20 (a) xxx

21 (1) xxx

22 (2) xxx

23 (3) xxx

24 (4) xxx

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26 (b) xxx

27 (1) Be a radiologic technologist; **[and]**

28 (2) Have at least ten (10) years practice as radiologic technologists
29 prior to their appointment: *Provided,* That the three (3) radiologic
30 technologists appointed as Chairman and members of the first
31 board shall be deemed automatically registered as radiologic
32 technologists upon assumption of their duties as members.

33 **(3) A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING OF THE AIPO; AND**

34 **(4) NOT CONVICTED BY A COURT OF COMPETENT**
35 **JURISDICTION OF AN OFFENSE INVOLVING MORAL**
36 **TURPITUDE.**

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38 **[(c) One (1) member of the Board shall at the time of his**
39 **appointment:**

40 (1) Be a radiologist; and

41 (2) Has at least ten (10) years practice as a radiologist prior to
42 his appointment.

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44 **(d) One (1) member of the Board shall at the time of his**
45 **Appointment:**

46 (1) Be a medical physicist; and

47 (2) Has at least ten (10) years practice as a medical physicist.]"

48 SEC. 4. Section 9 of RA 7431 is hereby amended to include new paragraphs (g) and (h) 2
49 to read as follows:

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51 **"(G) TO ENSURE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE**
52 **PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE OF X-RAY AND RADIOLOGIC**
53 **TECHNOLOGISTS THROUGH MANDATORY CONTINUING**
54 **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CPD);**
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1 (H) TO PROMOTE THE INTEGRATION OF THE X-RAY AND
2 RADIOLOGIC PROFESSIONS BY ACCREDITING THE AIPO OR
3 ACCREDITED AND INTEGRATED PROFESSIONAL
4 ORGANIZATION FOR SAID PROFESSIONS;"

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6 The existing paragraphs (g) and (h) of Section 9 shall hereinafter be re-labeled as
7 paragraphs (i) and (j), respectively.
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9 SEC. 5. Paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (t) and (g) of Section 20 of RA 7431 are hereby
10 and substituted to read as follows:
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12 "Section 20. *Scope of Examination in X-ray Technology.* – Unless
13 changed or modified by the Board, the examination in x-ray technology shall
14 cover the following subjects with the corresponding weighs as follows:
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- 16 [(a) x x x
17 (b) x x x
18 (c) x x x
19 (d) x x x
20 (e) x x x
21 (f) x x x
22 (g)x x x.]
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- 24 (a) Image Production and Evaluation
25 Photochemistry and Darkroom Procedures, Radiographic
26 Technique and Film Analysis 25%
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28 (b) Patient Care & Management
29 Anatomy, Physiology & Medical Terminology, Nursing
30 Procedures, Department Administration Ethics with
31 jurisprudence..... 25%
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33 (c) Radiographic Procedures and Techniques 30%
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35 (e) Radiological Sciences
36 Ultrasound, Radiation Therapy, Nuclear Medicine
37 Radiologic Pathology, Computed Tomography, Magnetic
38 Resonance Imaging, Digital Subtraction Angiography 20%
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40 ALL SUCCESSFUL EXAMINEES IN THE X-RAY TECHNOLOGY
41 EXAMINATION ARE NOT REQUIRED TO TAKE THE X-RAY
42 TECHNOLOGY SUBJECTS WHICH ARE ENUMERATED IN SECTION
43 20, BUT MUST TAKE ONLY THE RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY
44 SUBJECTS SUCH AS:

- 45 A) ULTRASOUND 20%
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47 B) RADIATION THERAPY 20%
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49 C) NUCLEAR MEDICINE 15%
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51 D) RADIOLOGIC PATHOLOGY 15%
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53 E) COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY 15%
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55 F) MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING 15%"
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57 SEC. 7. Section 22 of RA 7431 is hereby amended to read as follows:

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2 **"Section 22. Report of Ratings.-** The Board shall, within [one hundred
3 **twenty (120)] A PERIOD OF TEN (10)** days after the date of completion of the
4 examination, report the rating obtained by each candidate to the Commission
5 which shall submit such report to the President of the Philippines for approval.

6 X X X

7 X X X"

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9 **SEC. 8.** A new section is hereby inserted after Section 24 of R.A No. 7431 to read as 26
10 follows:

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12 **"SEC 25. FOREIGN RECIPROCITY.- NO FOREIGN RADIOLOGIC**
13 **TECHNOLOGIST PROFESSIONAL SHALL BE GIVEN A CERTIFICATE OF**
14 **REGISTRATION/PROFESSIONAL LICENSE AND PROFESSIONAL**
15 **IDENTIFICATION CARD OR BE ENTITLED TO ANY OF THE PRIVILEGES**
16 **UNDER THIS ACT UNLESS THE COUNTRY OF WHICH THE FOREIGN**
17 **RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGIST PROFESSIONAL IS A SUBJECT OR**
18 **CITIZEN SPECIFICALLY PERMITS FILIPINO RADIOLOGIC**
19 **TECHNOLOGIST PROFESSIONALS TO PRACTICE WITHIN ITS**
20 **TERRITORIAL LIMITS ON THE SAME BASIS AS THE SUBJECTS OR**
21 **CITIZENS OF SAID COUNTRY OR STATE.**

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23 The existing Sections 25 to 30 shall be re-numbered accordingly as Sections 26 to 31,
24 respectively.

25 **SEC. 9. Repealing Clause.** – All laws, decrees, orders, and other issuances, rules and
26 regulations or parts thereof inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed or modified
27 accordingly.

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29 **SEC. 10. Effectivity.** – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its complete
30 publication in two (2) newspapers of general circulation in the country or the Official Gazette.

Approved,