

**ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2010**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT (CORRECTED)**  
**LB828**

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**Hearing Date:** Thursday January 28, 2010  
**Committee On:** Health and Human Services  
**Introducer:** Gloor  
**One Liner:** Change requirements for medical radiographers and limited radiographers

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

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**Vote Results:**  
**Aye:** 7                      Senators Campbell, Gay, Gloor, Howard, Pankonin, Stuthman, Wallman  
**Nay:**  
**Absent:**  
**Present Not Voting:**

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<b>Proponents:</b> Senator Gloor Linda Black	<b>Representing:</b> Introducer Nebraska Society of Radiologic Technologists
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<b>Opponents:</b>	<b>Representing:</b>
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<b>Neutral:</b> Ron Jensen	<b>Representing:</b> Nebraska Podiatric Medical Association
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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**  
LB 828 defines patient care and management; redefines medical radiography; and changes the specific requirements of the educational program for medical radiographers and limited radiographers under the Medical Radiography Practice Act.

The bill adds "patient care and management, as it relates to the practice of medical radiography, includes, but is not limited to: (1) infection control; (2) patient transfer and movement; (3) assisting patients with medical equipment; (4) routine monitoring; (5) medical emergencies; and (6 ) proper use of contrast media".

It, also, redefines medical radiography to include, but not limited to "utilizing proper: (1) radiation protection; (2) equipment operation and quality control; (3) image production and evaluation; (4) radiographic procedures and (5) patient care and management as it relates to the practice of medical radiography".

LB 828 adds to the education program requirements under 38-1918 to include "radiation protection, equipment operation and quality control, image production and evaluation, radiographic procedures, and patient care and management as it relates to the practice of medical radiography".

Finally, the bill states that the examination for limited radiographers shall include, in addition to the list under current law, "quality control and radiographic procedures".

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**Explanation of amendments:**

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AM 1732 adds to the bill, under the definition of medical radiography and the education program content for medical radiographers:

- "for the patient, the radiographer, and others;" after radiation protection;
- "radiation generating" to (2) equipment operation and quality control;
- processing films
- positioning of patients
- performance methods to achieve optimum radiographic technique with a minimum of radiation exposure;

The amendment, also, adds under patient care and management, "patient safety and protection, including minimizing and monitoring patient radiation exposure through utilizing proper professional standards and protocols, including the principle of as low as reasonably achievable."

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Tim Gay, Chairperson