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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 481**

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Committee: Health and Human Services

A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to the Medical Radiography Practice Act; to amend  
2 section 38-1920, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,  
3 and sections 38-1901 and 38-1902, Revised Statutes  
4 Cumulative Supplement, 2010; to define terms; to provide  
5 authorization for certain activities by auxiliary  
6 personnel and cardiovascular technologists; to provide an  
7 exemption from licensure; to harmonize provisions; and to  
8 repeal the original sections.  
9 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1           Section 1. Section 38-1901, Revised Statutes Cumulative  
2 Supplement, 2010, is amended to read:

3           38-1901 Sections 38-1901 to 38-1920 and sections 3, 4,  
4 and 5 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the Medical  
5 Radiography Practice Act.

6           Sec. 2. Section 38-1902, Revised Statutes Cumulative  
7 Supplement, 2010, is amended to read:

8           38-1902 For purposes of the Medical Radiography Practice  
9 Act and elsewhere in the Uniform Credentialing Act, unless the  
10 context otherwise requires, the definitions found in sections 38-1903  
11 to 38-1913 and sections 3 and 4 of this act apply.

12           Sec. 3. Auxiliary personnel means a person who assists a  
13 licensed practitioner in radiographic imaging during the performance  
14 of diagnostic and therapeutic procedures.

15           Sec. 4. Cardiovascular technologist means a person  
16 specifically trained to assist a licensed practitioner who  
17 specializes in cardiology or interventional cardiology in performing  
18 cardiac catheterization and cardiac electrophysiology procedures.

19           Sec. 5. Auxiliary personnel and cardiovascular  
20 technologists shall be allowed to assist a licensed practitioner who  
21 specializes in cardiology or interventional cardiology in the  
22 performance of diagnostic and therapeutic procedures performed in  
23 cardiac catheterization and cardiac electrophysiology laboratories if  
24 the activities are performed under the personal supervision and  
25 specific verbal instruction of the licensed practitioner who is

1 physically present in the room. The activities authorized by this  
2 section shall not permit auxiliary personnel and cardiovascular  
3 technologists to make independent decisions or determinations.

4           Sec. 6. Section 38-1920, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
5 Nebraska, is amended to read:

6           38-1920 (1) Persons authorized under the Dentistry  
7 Practice Act to practice as dental hygienists and dental assistants  
8 who meet the requirements of section 38-1135 shall not be required to  
9 be licensed under the Medical Radiography Practice Act.

10           (2) The department may exempt certain users of sources of  
11 radiation from licensing requirements established under the Medical  
12 Radiography Practice Act when the board finds that the exemption will  
13 not constitute a significant risk to occupational and public health  
14 and safety and the environment.

15           (3) Individuals who are currently licensed in the State  
16 of Nebraska as podiatrists, chiropractors, dentists, physicians and  
17 surgeons, osteopathic physicians, physician assistants, and  
18 veterinarians shall be exempt from the rules and regulations of the  
19 department pertaining to the qualifications of persons for the use of  
20 X-ray radiation-generating equipment operated for diagnostic  
21 purposes.

22           (4) Auxiliary personnel and cardiovascular technologists  
23 shall not be required to be licensed under the Medical Radiography  
24 Practice Act.

25           Sec. 7. Original section 38-1920, Reissue Revised

- 1 Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 38-1901 and 38-1902, Revised
- 2 Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2010, are repealed.