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HOUSE BILL NO. 4056

Introduced by Representative DEOGRACIAS B. RAMOS, Jr.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Bill primarily seeks to amend RA 7431, otherwise known as Radiologic Technology Act of 1992, by removing from the Board of Radiologic Technology the radiologist and medical physicist, thereby limiting the members of the board to radiologic technologists only.

Under RA 7431, a radiologist is a licensed physician who specializes in the diagnosis or treatment of disease with the use of radiation while a medical physicist is one who specializes in the application of the principles and techniques of physics in medicine. These two (2) professions are different from the practice of profession of radiologic technologists. Thus, to address this problem it is best that said Board be composed of only radiologic technologists.

The immediate approval of this bill is earnestly sought.



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**AN ACT AMENDING R.A. NO. 7431, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE
"RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY ACT OF 1992", AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES**

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

Section 1. Section 2 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 2. Declaration of Policy. – It is the policy of the State to upgrade the practice of radiologic technology in the Philippines for the purpose of protecting the public from the hazards posed by radiation emitting devices, both ionizing, non-ionizing and radioactive substances, to ensure safe and proper diagnosis, treatment and research through the application of machines and/equipment radiation.

"The State recognizes the importance of radiologic technology in nation building and development. Hence, it shall develop and nurture competence, virtuous, productive and well-rounded radiologic technologists whose standards of practice and service shall be excellent, qualitative, world class and globally competitive through regulatory measures, programs, and activities that foster their professional growth and development."

Section 2. Paragraphs (f) and (g) of Section 3 are hereby deleted and paragraphs (h) and (i) are accordingly renumbered (f) and (g) as follows:

"Section 4. Definition of Terms. - As used in this Act, the following terms shall mean:

- (a) xxx
- (b) xxx
- (c) xxx
- (d) xxx
- (e) xxx
- (f) "Board" refers to the Board of Radiologic Technology; and
- (g) "Commission" refers to the Professional Regulation Commission created under RA 8991.

Section 3. Section 6 is hereby amended as follows:

*"Section 6. Composition of the Board of Radiologic Technology. - The Board of Radiologic Technology shall be composed of a Chairman and four (4) Members, all of whom shall be appointed by the President of the Philippines upon the recommendation of the Commission. The Commission shall recommend **[three (3)] five (5)** radiologic technologists from a list to be submitted by the **[Association of Radiologic Technologists] Philippine Association of Radiologic Technologists, Inc.; [one (1) radiologist from a list to be submitted by the association of radiologists; and one (1) medical physicist from a list to be submitted by the association of medical physicist: Provided, however, That the said associations are accredited in accordance with Presidential Decree Numbered Two hundred and twenty-three:]** Provided, **[further]** however, That each person whose name is submitted shall possess the qualifications prescribed in Section 7 of this Act."*

Section 4. Paragraphs c and d of Section 7 are hereby deleted and Section 7 is further amended as follows:

"Section 7. Qualifications of Board Members. -

- (a) xxx
 - (1) xxx
 - (2) xxx
 - (3) xxx
 - (4) xxx
 - (5) **A member of good standing of APO**
- (b) **[Three (3)] All members of the Board, including the Chairman, shall at the time of their appointment:**

- (1) Be radiologic technologist, **preferably with Master's Degree in Radiologic Technology or any related Masteral course recognized by the Commission;**
- (2) Have at least ten (10) years practice as radiologic technologists prior to their appointment; Provided, that the **[three (3)] five (5)** radiologic technologists appointed as members of the first board shall be deemed automatically registered as radiologic technologists upon assumption of their duties as members.

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

- (1) **Be a radiologist;**
- (2) **Has at least ten (10) years practice as radiologist prior to his appointment.]**

[(d) One (1) member of the Board shall at the time of his appointment:

- (1) **Be a medical physicist; and**
- (2) **Has at least ten (10) years practice as a medical physicist.]**

Section 5. Section 9 is hereby amended as follows:

"Section 9. *Duties and Functions of the Board.*

- (a) *To enforce the provisions of this Act;*
- (b) *To administer oaths in accordance with the provisions of this Act;*
- (c) *To issue and, after due investigation, suspend or revoke certificates of registration for the practice of radiologic technology and x-ray technology;*
- (d) *To investigate any violation of this Act of the rules and regulations issued thereunder, as may come to the knowledge of the Board and, for this purpose, to issue subpoena and subpoena duces tecum to alleged violators or witnesses to secure their attendance in investigations or hearings, and the production of books, papers and documents in connection therewith and compel their attendance by the power to cite and punish for contempt;*
- (e) *To conduct yearly board examinations to radiologic technology and x-ray technology examinees under the supervision of the Professional Regulation Commission;*
- (f) *To look, from time to time, into the condition affecting the practice of radiologic technology and x-ray technology in the Philippines, and adopt such measures as may be*

- deemed necessary for the maintenance of the standards and ethics of the profession;*
- (g) *To promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act: Provided, That the same shall be issued only after the approval thereof by the Commission; [and]*
 - (h) *To adopt a seal to authenticate its official documents[.]; and*
 - (i) **To perform the powers, functions and responsibilities enumerated in Section 9 of RA No. 8981.**

Section 6. Sections 20 and 21 are hereby substituted as follows:

Section 20. Scope of Licensure Examination. – *The scope for licensure examinations shall conform to the prescribed curriculum as promulgated by the Commission on Higher Education Standards, Policies and Guidelines for Radiologic Technology Education.*

The Board, subjects to approval by the Commission, may revise or exclude any of the subjects and their syllabi, and add new ones as the need arises to conform to technological changes brought about by continuing trends in the profession.

Section 21. Rating in the Licensure Examination. – *To pass the licensure examination for Radiologic Technologists, a candidate must obtain a general weighted average rating of seventy-five percent (75%).*

In order to pass the examination, a candidate must obtain a weighted average of at least seventy-five percent (75%) with no rating below 60% in any subject. An examinee who obtains an average rating of 75% or higher but gets rating below 60% in any subject shall be allowed to take a re-examination in only those subjects in which he obtained a rating below 60%. Such examination shall, as far as practicable, be taken in the next scheduled examination.

In order to pass the second examination, an examinee must obtain 75% in each of the subject repeated.

If the candidate still fails the re-examination, he shall as far as practicable be required to repeat the subjects during the succeeding examination.

When an applicant fails to qualify after the third examination, he shall be required to take the entire examination.

Section 7. Section 22 is hereby amended as follows:

*"Section 22. The Board shall, within **[one hundred twenty (120)] ten (10)** days after the date of completion of the examination, report the rating obtained by each candidate to the Commission which shall submit such report to the President of the Philippines for approval."*

Section 8. Repealing Clause. – All laws, decrees, orders, letters of instructions, rules and regulations, or other issuances, and parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are accordingly repealed or modified.

Section 9. Effectivity. – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following the full and complete publication thereof in the Official Gazette or any newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines.

Approved,