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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Health Regulation (Garcia) recommended the following:

1           **Senate Substitute for Amendment (936488) (with title**  
2 **amendment)**

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4           Delete everything after the enacting clause  
5 and insert:

6           Section 1. Subsection (18) is added to section 468.301,  
7 Florida Statutes, to read:

8           468.301 Definitions.—As used in this part, the term:  
9           (18) "Specialty technologist" means a person, other than a  
10 licensed practitioner, who is qualified by education and  
11 certification, as set forth in s. 468.304, to use radiation on  
12 human beings under the specific direction and general



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13 supervision of a licensed practitioner.

14 Section 2. Paragraph (h) is added to subsection (2) and  
15 paragraph (i) is added to subsection (3) of section 468.302,  
16 Florida Statutes, to read:

17 468.302 Use of radiation; identification of certified  
18 persons; limitations; exceptions.—

19 (2)

20 (h) A person holding a certificate as a specialty  
21 technologist may use the title "Certified Radiologic  
22 Technologist-X" or the letters "CRT-X" after his or her name,  
23 where "X" represents a single- or multiple-letter designation  
24 signifying the advanced, postprimary, or specialty area of  
25 radiologic technology, such as "CT" for computed tomography or  
26 "PET" for positron emission tomography, in which the person is  
27 certified by a national organization that is recognized by the  
28 department. The department shall approve these letter  
29 designations by rule for each area, consistent with the  
30 designation used by the national organization.

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32 No other person is entitled to so use a title or letters  
33 contained in this subsection or to hold himself or herself out  
34 in any way, whether orally or in writing, expressly or by  
35 implication, as being so certified.

36 (3)

37 (i) A person holding a certificate as a specialty  
38 technologist may perform the specific duties allowed for a  
39 specialty technologist as defined by rule of the department.  
40 These duties must fall within the scope of practice for the  
41 specialty as set by the national organization for that



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42 particular advanced, postprimary, or specialty area.

43 Section 3. Section 468.303, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
44 read:

45 468.303 Rules.—

46 (1) The department may ~~is authorized to~~ make such rules,  
47 not inconsistent with law, as may be necessary to carry out the  
48 provisions of this part. The department may ~~is authorized to~~  
49 establish by rule fees to be paid for application, examination,  
50 reexamination, certification, and renewal, and for recordmaking  
51 and recordkeeping, provided that no fee shall exceed the amounts  
52 provided in this part. Fees shall be based on department  
53 estimates of the revenue required to implement the provisions of  
54 this part. The department may, based upon estimates of revenue  
55 required to implement this part, establish separate fee  
56 schedules for application, examination, reexamination,  
57 certification, and renewal for the different categories of  
58 certification.

59 (2) The department may adopt rules for recognizing national  
60 organizations that certify, license, or register specialty  
61 technologists under educational and examination requirements  
62 that demonstrate technical and safety competencies for the scope  
63 of practice for that specialty.

64 Section 4. Section 468.304, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
65 read:

66 468.304 Certification.—The department shall certify any  
67 applicant who meets the following criteria:

68 (1) Pays to the department a nonrefundable fee that may not  
69 exceed \$100, plus the actual per-applicant cost to the  
70 department for purchasing the examination from a national



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71 organization.

72 (2) Submits a completed application on a form specified by  
73 the department. An incomplete application expires 6 months after  
74 initial filing. The application must include the social security  
75 number of the applicant. Each applicant shall notify the  
76 department in writing of his or her current mailing address.  
77 Notwithstanding any other law, service by regular mail to an  
78 applicant's last reported mailing address constitutes adequate  
79 and sufficient notice of any official departmental communication  
80 to the applicant.

81 (3) Submits satisfactory evidence, verified by oath or  
82 affirmation, that she or he:

83 (a) Is at least 18 years of age at the time of application;

84 (b) Is a high school, vocational school, technical school,  
85 or college graduate or has successfully completed the  
86 requirements for a graduate equivalency diploma (GED) or its  
87 equivalent;

88 (c) Is of good moral character;

89 (d) Has passed an examination as specified in s. 468.306 or  
90 meets the requirements specified in s. 468.3065; and

91 (e)1. Has successfully completed an educational program,  
92 which program may be established in a hospital licensed pursuant  
93 to chapter 395 or in an accredited postsecondary academic  
94 institution which is subject to approval by the department as  
95 maintaining a satisfactory standard; or

96 2.a. With respect to an applicant for a basic X-ray machine  
97 operator's certificate, has completed a course of study approved  
98 by the department with appropriate study material provided the  
99 applicant by the department;



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100           b. With respect to an applicant for a basic X-ray machine  
101 operator-podiatric medicine certificate, has completed a course  
102 of study approved by the department, ~~if provided that~~ such  
103 course of study ~~is shall be~~ limited to the ~~that~~ information  
104 necessary to perform radiographic procedures within the scope of  
105 practice of a podiatric physician licensed pursuant to chapter  
106 461;

107           c. With respect only to an applicant for a general  
108 radiographer's certificate who is a basic X-ray machine operator  
109 certificateholder, has completed an educational program or a 2-  
110 year training program that takes into account the types of  
111 procedures and level of supervision usually and customarily  
112 practiced in a hospital, which educational or training program  
113 complies with the rules of the department;

114           d. With respect only to an applicant for a nuclear medicine  
115 technologist's certificate who is a general radiographer  
116 certificateholder, has completed an educational program or a 2-  
117 year training program that takes into account the types of  
118 procedures and level of supervision usually and customarily  
119 practiced in a hospital, which educational or training program  
120 complies with the rules of the department; ~~or~~

121           e. With respect to an applicant for a radiologist  
122 assistant's certificate, ~~who~~ demonstrates to the department that  
123 he or she holds a current certificate or registration as a  
124 radiologist assistant granted by the American Registry of  
125 Radiologic Technologists; ~~or~~

126           f. With respect to an applicant for a specialty  
127 technologist's certificate, demonstrates to the department that  
128 he or she is currently certified by or registered with a



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129 national organization that is recognized by the department in an  
130 advanced, postprimary, or specialty area of radiologic  
131 technology, such as computed tomography or positron emission  
132 tomography.

133 (4) Submits complete documentation of any criminal offense  
134 in any jurisdiction of which the applicant has been found  
135 guilty, regardless of whether adjudication of guilt was  
136 withheld, or to which the applicant has pled guilty or nolo  
137 contendere.

138 (5) Submits complete documentation of any final  
139 disciplinary action taken against the applicant by a licensing  
140 or regulatory body in any jurisdiction, by a national  
141 organization, or by a specialty board that is recognized by the  
142 department. Disciplinary action includes revocation, suspension,  
143 probation, reprimand, or being otherwise acted against,  
144 including being denied certification or resigning from or  
145 nonrenewal of membership taken in lieu of or in settlement of a  
146 pending disciplinary case.

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148 The department may not certify any applicant who has committed  
149 an offense that would constitute a violation of any of the  
150 provisions of s. 468.3101 or applicable ~~the rules adopted~~  
151 ~~thereunder~~ if the applicant had been certified by the department  
152 at the time of the offense. An ~~No~~ application for a limited  
153 computed tomography certificate may not ~~shall~~ be accepted. A  
154 person ~~All persons~~ holding a valid computed tomography  
155 certificate ~~certificates~~ as of October 1, 1984, is ~~are~~ subject  
156 to ~~the provisions of~~ s. 468.309.

157 Section 5. Section 468.306, Florida Statutes, is amended to



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158 read:

159 468.306 Examinations.—An applicant ~~All applicants~~ for  
160 certification as a radiologic technologist, basic X-ray machine  
161 operator, or basic X-ray machine operator-podiatric medicine,  
162 except an applicant ~~those~~ certified pursuant to s. 468.3065,  
163 shall be required to pass an examination. An applicant for  
164 certification as a specialty technologist shall be certified  
165 only in accordance with s. 468.3065. An application for  
166 certification as a specialty technologist by examination may not  
167 be accepted. In lieu of an examination for a radiologist  
168 assistant certificate, the department shall accept a  
169 demonstration by the applicant for such a certificate that he or  
170 she holds a current certificate or registration as a radiologist  
171 assistant granted by the American Registry of Radiologic  
172 Technologists. The department may develop or use examinations  
173 for each type of certificate. The department may require an  
174 applicant who does not pass an examination after five attempts  
175 to complete additional remedial education, as specified by rule  
176 of the department, before admitting the applicant to subsequent  
177 examinations.

178 (1) The department may contract with organizations that  
179 develop such test examinations. Examinations may be administered  
180 by the department or the contracting organization.

181 (2) Examinations shall be given for each type of  
182 certificate at least twice a year at such times and places as  
183 the department may determine to be advantageous for applicants.

184 (3) All examinations must ~~shall~~ be written and must include  
185 positioning, technique, and radiation protection. The department  
186 shall ~~either~~ pass or fail each applicant on the basis of his or



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187 her final grade. The examination for a basic X-ray machine  
188 operator must ~~shall~~ include basic positioning and basic  
189 techniques directly related to the skills necessary to safely  
190 operate radiographic equipment.

191 (4) A nonrefundable fee not to exceed \$75 plus the actual  
192 per-applicant cost for purchasing the examination from a  
193 national organization shall be charged for any subsequent  
194 examination.

195 Section 6. Subsection (3) is added to section 468.3065,  
196 Florida Statutes, to read:

197 468.3065 Certification by endorsement.-

198 (3) The department may issue a certificate by endorsement  
199 to practice as a specialty technologist to an applicant who,  
200 upon applying to the department and remitting a nonrefundable  
201 fee not to exceed \$100, demonstrates to the department that he  
202 or she holds a current certificate, license, or registration  
203 from a national organization that is recognized by the  
204 department to practice in an advanced, postprimary, or specialty  
205 area of radiologic technology, such as computed tomography or  
206 positron emission tomography.

207 Section 7. This act shall take effect July 1, 2012.

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209 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

210 And the title is amended as follows:

211 Delete everything before the enacting clause  
212 and insert:

213 A bill to be entitled  
214 An act relating to radiological personnel; amending s.  
215 468.301, F.S.; defining the term "specialty





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216           technologist" as it relates to the certification of  
217           radiological personnel; amending s. 468.302, F.S.;  
218           providing titles for persons who hold a certificate as  
219           a specialty technologist; authorizing a person holding  
220           a certificate as a specialty technologist to perform  
221           the specific duties allowed for a specialty  
222           technologist as defined by the Department of Health;  
223           requiring that the duties fall within the scope of  
224           practice of the specialty as set by the national  
225           organization for the particular advanced, postprimary,  
226           or specialty area; amending s. 468.303, F.S.;  
227           authorizing the Department of Health to adopt rules  
228           for recognizing certain national organizations that  
229           certify, license, or register specialty technologists;  
230           amending s. 468.304, F.S.; providing criteria for  
231           certification as a specialty technologist; amending s.  
232           468.306, F.S.; providing for an applicant for  
233           certification as a specialty technologist to be  
234           certified only by endorsement rather than by  
235           examination; amending s. 468.3065, F.S.; authorizing  
236           the department to issue a certificate by endorsement  
237           to practice as a specialty technologist to an  
238           applicant who meets certain criteria; providing an  
239           effective date.