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SB 341 - AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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2000 SESSION

00-2743

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SENATE BILL **341**

AN ACT extending the reporting date and changing the name of the committee to study the licensure of radiologic technologists.

SPONSORS: Sen. Wheeler, Dist 21; Sen. Squires, Dist 12; Sen. Krueger, Dist 16; Rep. Goulet, Hills 15; Rep. Stickney, Rock 26; Rep. Virtue, Merr 9

COMMITTEE: Public Institutions, Health and Human Services

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill extends the reporting date and changes the name of the committee to study the licensure of radiologic technologists.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struck through]~~
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand

AN ACT extending the reporting date and changing the name of the committee to study the
 licensure of radiologic technologists.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 Committee Name Changed. Amend 1999, 96:1 to read as follows:

2 96:1 Committee Established. There is established a committee to study the licensure of
3 ~~[radiographers and]~~ radiologic technologists.

4 2 Duties. Amend the introductory paragraph of 1999, 96:3 to read as follows:

5 96:3 Duties. The committee shall study the licensure of ~~[radiographers,]~~ radiologic technologists,
6 and the inclusion or exception for persons operating x-ray systems designed for the irradiation of
7 part of the human body for diagnostic or therapeutic purposes. The committee shall seek input from
8 persons or representatives of the following:

9 3 Reporting Date Extended. Amend 1999, 96:5 to read as follows:

10 96:5 Report. The committee shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed
11 legislation to the senate president, the speaker of the house of representatives, the senate clerk, the
12 house clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, ~~[1999]~~ 2000.

13 4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Speakers

SIGN UP SHEET

To Register Opinion If Not Speaking

Bill # SB 341 Date March 8, 2000

Committee ED4A

**** Please Print All Information ****

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Hearing Minutes

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

PUBLIC HEARING ON SB 341

BILL TITLE: [New Title] extending the reporting date and changing the name of the committee to study the licensure of radiologic technologists.

DATE: March 8, 2000

LOB ROOM: 202 **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 12:01 PM

Time Adjourned: 12:05 PM

(please circle if present)

Committee Members: Reps. Mercer, Goulet, Dyer, Langer, Holley, B. Moore, Dickinson, Stickney, Sapareto, Hamel, Millham, O'Neil, Poulin, Zolla, Murphy, Reidy, Virtue, Batchelder, Burkush, Courchesne, Landers and Lent.

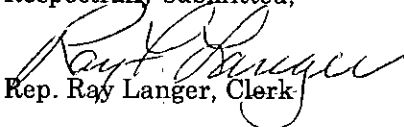
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TESTIMONY

* Use asterisk if written testimony and/or amendments are submitted.

Sen. Krueger introduced the bill. Co-sponsor spoke in favor of the bill. Question re: executing bill at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

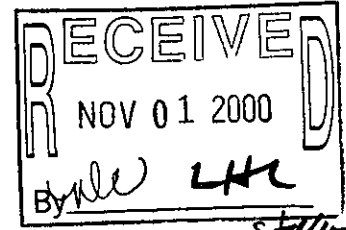

Rep. Ray Langer, Clerk

Testimony



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Dear Governor Shaheen, Senate President Hollingworth, and Speaker Sytek:

Re: The Committee to Study the Licensure of Radiologic Technologists
~~SB 60, Chapter Law 96, Laws of 1999~~
Extended By SB 341, Chapter 49, Laws of 2000

Pursuant to SB 341, Chapter Law 49, Laws of 2000, enclosed please find the final report of the Committee. Should you have any questions or comments regarding the report, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Senator Katherine Wells Wheeler, Chair
Committee to Study the Licensure of
Radiologic Technologists

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Cc: Gloria M. Randlett, Senate Clerk
Karen O. Wadsworth, House Clerk
Kendall F. Wiggin, State Librarian

Final Report of the Chaptered Study Committee on

The Licensure of Radiologic Technologists

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November 1, 2000

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Respectfully submitted on behalf of the committee,

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Executive Summary

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The committee's discussions centered on the issues surrounding licensure of radiographers and radiologic technologists in the state of NH. It is important to note that NH currently has no law requiring licensure of radiographers or radiologic technologists, nor is there any law requiring NH hospitals or other facilities to hire "certified" radiographers or radiologic technologists. The committee members agreed that it is necessary to have some state guarantee that radiographers and radiologic technologists are appropriately trained and educated so as not to cause harm or endanger themselves or the citizens of NH.

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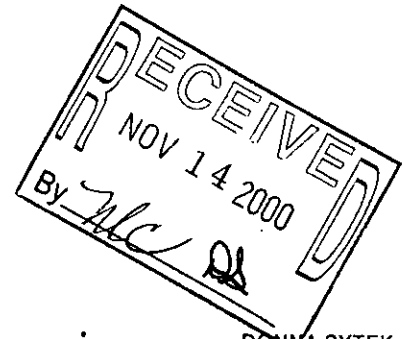


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Voting Sheets

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EXECUTIVE SESSION on SB 341

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DATE: March 8, 2000

LOB ROOM: 202

Amendments:

Sponsor: Rep.

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Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Re-Refer, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep. O'Neil

Seconded by Rep. Zolla

Vote: 16-1 (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Re-Refer, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep.

Seconded by Rep.

Vote: (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

CONSENT CALENDAR VOTE: 17-0

(Vote to place on Consent Calendar must be unanimous.)

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Ray F. Langer, Clerk

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND ADMINISTRATION

Bill #: SB341 Title: _____PH Date: 1/1Exec Session Date: 3/8/2000Motion: OTP Amendment #: _____

MEMBER	YEAS	NAYS
Mercer, Robert S, Chairman		
Goulet, Maurice E, V Chairman		1
Dyer, Merton S	1	
Langer, Ray F, Clerk	2	
Holley, Sylvia A		
Moore, Benjamin E	3	
Dickinson, Howard C	4	
Stickney, Nancy C	5	
Sapareto, Frank V		
Hamel, Albert W	6	
Millham, Alida I	7	
O'Neil, Michael	8	
Poulin, Dave G	9	
Zolla, William R	10	
Murphy, Robert E		
Reidy, Frank J	11	
Virtue, Carolyn A	12	
Batchelder, Robert C	13	
Burkush, James A	14	
Courchesne, Judy A		
Landers, Dana L	15	
Lent, Donald R	16	
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TOTAL VOTE:		
Printed: 12/30/1999		

Committee Report

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Executive Departments and Administration

BILL NUMBER: SB 341

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(Available only in second year of biennium.)

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Vote 16-1.

Rep. Michael O'Neil
FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
cc: Committee Bill file

USE ANOTHER REPORT FOR MINORITY REPORT

CONSENT CALENDAR

Executive Departments and Administration

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