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By: **Delegate Hutchinson** Introduced and read first time: February 2, 2024

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

Radiation Therapy, Radiography, Nuclear Medicine Technology, and Radiology Assistance – Limited Licensed Radiologic Technologist

- FOR the purpose of establishing a licensing and regulatory system for the practice of
 limited licensed radiologic technology under the State Board of Physicians; altering
 the composition of the Radiation Therapy, Radiography, Nuclear Medicine
 Technology, Radiology Assistance, and Limited Licensed Radiologic Technology
 Advisory Committee; and generally relating to limited licensed radiologic
 technologists.
- 10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 11 Article Health Occupations
- Section 14-206(e)(2)(iii); and 14-5B-01, 14-5B-05 through 14-5B-09, 14-5B-12, 13 14-5B-14(a), 14-5B-18, 14-5B-18.1, and 14-5B-20 to be under the amended subtitle "Subtitle 5B. Radiation Therapy, Radiography, Nuclear Medicine Technology, Radiology Assistance, and Limited Licensed Radiologic Technology"
- 17 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 18 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)
- 19 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
- 20 Article Health Occupations
- 21 Section 14–5B–03 and 14–5B–10
- 22 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 23 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)
- 24 BY adding to
- 25 Article Health Occupations
- 26 Section 14–5B–09.1, 14–5B–11(e), and 14–5B–17(e)
- 27 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 28 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



$\frac{1}{2}$	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:					
3	Article – Health Occupations					
4	14–206.					
$5 \\ 6$	(e) A disciplinary panel may issue a cease and desist order or obtain injunctive relief against an individual for:					
$7 \\ 8$	(2) Representing to the public, by title, description of services, methods, procedures, or otherwise, that the individual is authorized to practice:					
9 10 11	[or] radiation assistance, OR LIMITED LICENSED RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY in this					
$\frac{12}{13}$	Subtitle 5B. Radiation Therapy, Radiography, Nuclear Medicine Technology, [and] Radiology Assistance, AND LIMITED LICENSED RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY.					
14	14–5B–01.					
15	(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.					
16	(b) "Board" means the State Board of Physicians.					
$17\\18$	(c) "Certification" means recognition of an individual who has satisfied certain standards required by a national certifying board.					
19 20 21	(d) "Committee" means the Radiation Therapy, Radiography, Nuclear Medicine Technology, [and] Radiology Assistance, AND LIMITED LICENSED RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY Advisory Committee of the Board.					
$22 \\ 23 \\ 24$	[(f)] (E) "License" means a license issued by the Board to practice as a radiation therapist, radiographer, nuclear medicine technologist, [or] radiologist assistant, OR LIMITED LICENSED RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGIST.					
$25\\26$	[(g)] (F) "Licensed nuclear medicine technologist" means a nuclear medicine technologist who is licensed by the Board to practice nuclear medicine technology.					
27 28	[(h)] (G) "Licensed radiation therapist" means a radiation therapist who is licensed by the Board to practice radiation therapy.					

[(i)] (H) "Licensed radiographer" means a radiographer who is licensed by the
 Board to practice radiography.

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1 **[**(j)**] (I)** "Licensed radiologist assistant" means an individual who is licensed to 2 practice radiology assistance under the supervision of a licensed physician who:

3	(1)	Specializes in radiology; and
4	(2)	Is certified by:
5		(i) The American Board of Radiology;
6		(ii) The American Osteopathic Board of Radiology;
7		(iii) The British Royal College of Radiology; or
8		(iv) The Canadian College of Physicians and Surgeons.
9 10 11	INDIVIDUAL W	MITED LICENSED RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGIST" MEANS AN HO IS LICENSED TO PRACTICE LIMITED LICENSED RADIOLOGIC INDER THE SUPERVISION OF A LICENSED PHYSICIAN.
$12 \\ 13 \\ 14$	radiation therap	censee" means an individual who is licensed by the Board to practice as a bist, a radiographer, a nuclear medicine technologist, [or] radiologist MITED LICENSED RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGIST.
15	(l) "Na	tional certifying board" means:
16	(1)	The American Registry of Radiologic Technologists;
17	(2)	The Nuclear Medicine Technology Certifying Board; or
18	(3)	Another certifying organization approved by the Board.
19 20 21	PERFORM RAD	RACTICE LIMITED LICENSED RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY" MEANS TO IOGRAPHIC PROCEDURES EMPLOYING EQUIPMENT THAT EMITS ATION THAT IS LIMITED TO SPECIFIC AREAS OF THE HUMAN BODY.
22	[(m)] (N)	"Practice nuclear medicine technology" means to:
23	(1)	Prepare and administer radiopharmaceuticals to human beings; or
$\begin{array}{c} 24 \\ 25 \end{array}$	(2) purposes to assis	Conduct in vivo detection and measurement of radioactivity for medical at in the diagnosis and treatment of disease or injury.
$\frac{26}{27}$	[(n)] (O) radiography and	"Practice radiation therapy" means to perform tumor localization apply therapeutic doses of radiation for the treatment of disease or injury.

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1	[(o)] (P)	"Pract	tice radiography" means to use ionizing radiation to:
$2 \\ 3$	localization of	(1) f dise	nstrate portions of the human body to assist in the diagnosis or injury; or	
4	((2)	Perfor	rm tumor localization radiography.
$5 \\ 6$	[(p)] (6 perform:	3)	"Pract	tice radiology assistance" means to practice radiography and to
7	((1)	Fluor	oscopy and selected radiology procedures;
8	((2)	Patier	nt assessment; and
9	((3)	Patier	nt management.
10 11	[(q)] (F exercise on—s	,	-	rvision" means the responsibility of a licensed physician to diately available direction for licensees.
12	14–5B–03.			
13	The Board shall adopt regulations to carry out the provisions of this subtitle.			
14	14–5B–05.			
$\begin{array}{c} 15\\ 16\\ 17\end{array}$	 (a) There is a Radiation Therapy, Radiography, Nuclear Medicine Technology, [and] Radiology Assistance, AND LIMITED LICENSED RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY Advisory Committee within the Board. 			
18	(b)	(1)	The C	committee consists of [nine] 11 members appointed by the Board.
19	((2)	Of the	e [nine] members:
20			(i)	One shall be a licensed physician who specializes in radiology;
21 22 23	and who su TECHNOLOG	-	(ii) ses a	One shall be a licensed physician who specializes in radiology radiologist assistant OR LIMITED LICENSED RADIOLOGIC
$\begin{array}{c} 24 \\ 25 \end{array}$	medicine;		(iii)	One shall be a licensed physician who specializes in nuclear
$\begin{array}{c} 26 \\ 27 \end{array}$	oncology;		(iv)	One shall be a licensed physician who specializes in radiation
28			(v)	One shall be a radiation therapist;

1			(vi) One shall be a radiographer;
2			(vii) One shall be a radiologist assistant;
3			(viii) One shall be a nuclear medicine technologist; [and]
4 5	TECHNOLO	GIST;	(IX) ONE SHALL BE A LIMITED LICENSED RADIOLOGIC
6			[(ix)] (X) [One] TWO shall be [a] consumer [member] MEMBERS.
$7 \\ 8$	(c) 2 years.	(1)	From among its members, the Committee shall elect a chair once every
9 10	the Board a	(2) s a rep	The chair, or the chair's designee, shall serve in an advisory capacity to esentative of the Committee.
11	(d)	The c	nsumer [member] MEMBERS of the Committee:
12		(1)	Shall be [a member] MEMBERS of the general public;
$\begin{array}{c} 13\\14 \end{array}$	to be a heal	(2) th care	May not be or ever have been a health care professional or in training professional; and
15		(3)	May not:
16 17 18			(i) Participate or ever have participated in a commercial or elated to radiation therapy, radiography, nuclear medicine technology, tance, OR LIMITED LICENSED RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY ;
19 20 21	-		(ii) Have a household member who participates in a commercial or elated to radiation therapy, radiography, nuclear medicine technology, tance, OR LIMITED LICENSED RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY ; or
$\begin{array}{c} 22\\ 23 \end{array}$	in a person	regula	(iii) Have had within 2 years before appointment a financial interest ed by the Board.
24	(e)	(1)	The term of a member is 3 years.
25		(2)	The terms of members are staggered as required by regulation.
$\frac{26}{27}$	appointed a	(3) nd qua	At the end of a term, a member continues to serve until a successor is ifies.
28		(4)	A member may not serve more than 2 consecutive full terms.

1 14–5B–06.

2 (a) In addition to the powers set forth elsewhere in this subtitle, the Committee 3 shall:

4 (1) Make recommendations to the Board on regulations necessary to carry 5 out the provisions of this subtitle;

6 (2) Make recommendations to the Board on a code of ethics for the practice 7 of radiation therapy, the practice of radiography, the practice of nuclear medicine 8 technology, [and] the practice of radiology assistance, AND THE PRACTICE OF LIMITED 9 LICENSED RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY for adoption by the Board;

10 (3) On request, make recommendations to the Board on standards of care 11 for the practice of radiation therapy, the practice of radiography, the practice of nuclear 12 medicine technology, [and] the practice of radiology assistance, AND THE PRACTICE OF 13 LIMITED LICENSED RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY;

14 (4) Make recommendations to the Board on the requirements for licensure 15 as a radiation therapist, radiographer, nuclear medicine technologist, [or] radiologist 16 assistant, OR LIMITED LICENSED RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGIST;

17 (5) On request, review applications for licensure as a radiation therapist,
 18 radiographer, nuclear medicine technologist, [or] radiologist assistant, OR LIMITED
 19 LICENSED RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGIST and make recommendations to the Board;

20 (6) Develop and recommend to the Board continuing education 21 requirements for license renewal;

(7) Advise the Board on matters related to the practice of radiation
 therapy, the practice of radiography, the practice of nuclear medicine technology, [and] the
 practice of radiology assistance, AND THE PRACTICE OF LIMITED LICENSED
 RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY;

- 26 (8) Keep a record of its proceedings; and
- 27 (9) Submit an annual report to the Board.
- 28 (b) The Board shall:
- 29 (1) Consider all recommendations of the Committee; and

30 (2) Provide to the Committee an annual report on the disciplinary matters
 31 involving licensees.

1 14–5B–07.

2 (a) (1) A licensee may only practice under the supervision of a licensed 3 physician.

4 (2) The failure of a licensed physician to properly supervise a licensee is 5 unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine under § 14–404(a)(3) of this title.

6 (b) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the practice of a 7 radiation therapist, radiographer, nuclear medicine technologist, [or] radiologist assistant, 8 OR LIMITED LICENSED RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGIST is limited to those procedures, 9 operations, preparations, and practices listed in regulation.

- 10 (2) A radiologist assistant may not:
- 11 (i) Interpret images;
- 12 (ii) Make diagnoses; or
- 13 (iii) Prescribe medications or therapies.
- 14 14–5B–08.

(a) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subtitle, an individual shall be
licensed by the Board before the individual may practice radiation therapy, radiography,
nuclear medicine technology, [or] radiology assistance, OR LIMITED LICENSED
RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY in this State.

- 19 (2) A radiologist assistant may not:
- 20 (i) Interpret images;
- 21 (ii) Make diagnoses; or
- 22 (iii) Prescribe medications or therapies.
- 23 (b) This section does not apply to:

(1) An individual employed by the federal government as a radiation
 therapist, radiographer, a nuclear medicine technologist, [or] radiologist assistant, OR
 LIMITED LICENSED RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGIST while the individual is practicing
 within the scope of that employment; or

28 (2) A radiation therapy student, a radiography student, a nuclear medicine 29 technology student, [or] a radiology assistant student, OR A LIMITED LICENSED 30 RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGIST STUDENT enrolled in an education program which is

accredited by an approved accrediting organization while practicing radiation therapy,
 radiography, nuclear medicine technology, [or] radiology assistance, OR LIMITED
 LICENSED RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY in that program.

4 14–5B–09.

5 (a) To qualify for a license, an applicant shall be an individual who meets the 6 requirements of this section.

7 (b) Except as provided in [subsection] SUBSECTIONS (c) AND (D) of this section, 8 the applicant [shall] MUST:

- 9 (1) Be of good moral character;
- 10 (2) Be at least 18 years old;

11(3)Demonstrate oral and written competency in English as required by the12Board;

13 (4) Meet any educational, training, or examination requirements 14 established by the Board, including:

15 (i) Graduation from an appropriate educational program as 16 determined by the Board; and

17 (ii) Certification; and

18 (5) Complete a criminal history records check in accordance with § 19 14–308.1 of this title.

20 (c) To qualify for a license to practice as a radiologist assistant, an applicant shall:

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(1) Be issued a general license to perform radiography;

(2) Complete an advanced academic program with a nationally recognized
 radiology curriculum that results in a baccalaureate degree, post baccalaureate certificate,
 or graduate degree and incorporates a radiologist-directed clinical preceptorship;

25 (3) Be certified in advanced cardiac life support; and

26 (4) Be certified as a radiologist assistant by the American Registry of 27 Radiologic Technologists.

28 (D) IN ADDITION TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS 29 SECTION, TO QUALIFY FOR A LICENSE TO PRACTICE AS A LIMITED LICENSED

1 RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGIST, AN APPLICANT SHALL MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF 2 § 14–5B–09.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

3 [(d)] (E) Except for requirements adopted by the Board for license renewal under 4 § 14–5B–12 of this subtitle, nothing in this subtitle may be construed to require an 5 individual who is certified by the Board as a radiation oncology/therapy technologist, 6 medical radiation technologist, or nuclear medicine technologist as of October 1, 2008, to 7 meet additional education, training, or examination requirements.

8 14-5B-09.1.

9 (A) AN APPLICANT FOR LICENSURE AS A LIMITED LICENSED RADIOLOGIC 10 TECHNOLOGIST SHALL SUBMIT TO THE BOARD:

11 (1) EVIDENCE OF COMPLETION OF EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS 12 UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, AS APPLICABLE; AND

13 (2) (I) EVIDENCE OF HAVING ACHIEVED A PASSING SCORE, AS 14 DETERMINED BY THE BOARD, ON THE SECTION OF THE AMERICAN REGISTRY OF 15 RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGISTS EXAMINATION FOR LIMITED SCOPE OF PRACTICE IN 16 RADIOGRAPHY APPROPRIATE FOR THE ANATOMICAL AREA ON WHICH THE 17 APPLICANT IS APPLYING TO PRACTICE;

18(II)EVIDENCE OF HAVING ACHIEVED A PASSING SCORE, AS19DETERMINED BY THE BOARD, ON ANOTHER EXAMINATION APPROVED BY THE20BOARD; OR

21 (III) EVIDENCE OF COMPLETION OF AN ALTERNATIVE TO 22 EXAMINATION APPROVED BY THE BOARD.

23 (B) TO QUALIFY FOR LICENSURE AS A LIMITED LICENSED RADIOLOGIC 24 TECHNOLOGIST, AN APPLICANT SHALL COMPLETE:

25 (1) EDUCATIONAL COURSEWORK:

26 (I) DIRECTED BY A RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGIST WITH A 27 BACHELOR'S DEGREE AND CURRENT AMERICAN REGISTRY OF RADIOLOGIC 28 TECHNOLOGISTS CERTIFICATION;

29(II)TAUGHT BY INSTRUCTORS WHO ARE LICENSED RADIOLOGIC30TECHNOLOGISTS OR PHYSICIANS WHO ARE BOARD CERTIFIED IN RADIOLOGY; AND

31 (III) THAT INCLUDES AT LEAST:

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25 CLOCK HOURS OF IMAGE PRODUCTION AND 1 1. $\mathbf{2}$ **EQUIPMENT OPERATION;** 3 2. **15 CLOCK HOURS OF RADIATION PROTECTION; AND** 3. 4 **10** CLOCK HOURS OF RADIOGRAPHIC PROCEDURES IN $\mathbf{5}$ THE ANATOMICAL AREA OF THE LIMITED LICENSED RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGIST'S 6 **PRACTICE, TAUGHT BY:** 7 A. A RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGIST WITH CURRENT AMERICAN REGISTRY OF RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGISTS CERTIFICATION; OR 8 9 В. A LICENSED DOCTOR OF MEDICINE, OSTEOPATHY, 10 PODIATRY, OR CHIROPRACTIC; OR 11 (2) ANY OTHER EDUCATION PROGRAM APPROVED BY THE BOARD. 12**(C)** AN APPLICANT WHO FAILS AN EXAMINATION REQUIRED UNDER THIS 13 SECTION MAY RETAKE THE EXAMINATION TWICE BEFORE THE APPLICANT MUST REAPPLY AND DEMONSTRATE COMPLETION OF ANY ADDITIONAL EDUCATION 1415**REQUIRED BY THE BOARD.** 16 A LICENSE ISSUED TO PRACTICE AS A LIMITED LICENSED RADIOLOGIC **(D)** TECHNOLOGIST UNDER THIS SECTION AUTHORIZES THE LICENSEE TO PRACTICE 17ONLY ON THE ANATOMICAL AREA AUTHORIZED BY THE BOARD, AS DETERMINED BY 18 THE BOARD BASED ON THE EDUCATION AND EXAMINATIONS COMPLETED BY THE 19 20LICENSEE. 2114–5B–10. 22To apply for a license, an applicant shall: (a) 23(1)Complete a criminal history records check in accordance with § 2414–308.1 of this title; 25Submit an application to the Board on the form that the Board requires; (2)26and 27(3)Pay to the Board the application fee set by the Board. 28(b) Subject to subsection (c) of this section, the Board shall issue the appropriate 29license to an applicant who meets the requirements of this subtitle for that license.

1 (c) (1) On receipt of the criminal history record information of an applicant for 2 licensure forwarded to the Board in accordance with § 14–308.1 of this title, in determining 3 whether to issue a license, the Board shall consider:

4		(i)	The age at which the crime was committed;	
5		(ii)	The nature of the crime;	
6		(iii)	The circumstances surrounding the crime;	
7		(iv)	The length of time that has passed since the crime;	
8		(v)	Subsequent work history;	
9		(vi)	Employment and character references; and	
10 11	threat to the publi	(vii) c healt	Other evidence that demonstrates whether the applicant poses a ch or safety.	
$\begin{array}{c} 12\\ 13 \end{array}$	(2) information requir		Board may not issue a license if the criminal history record der § 14–308.1 of this title has not been received.	
14	14–5B–11.			
15	LIMITED LICENSED RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGIST AUTHORIZES AN INDIVIDUAL TO PRACTICE LIMITED LICENSED RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY WHILE THE LICENSE IS			
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1 Except as otherwise provided in this subtitle, before a license expires, the (c) $\mathbf{2}$ licensed individual may periodically renew it for an additional term, if the individual: 3 (1)Is of good moral character; 4 (2)Pays to the Board a renewal fee set by the Board: Submits to the Board: $\mathbf{5}$ (3)6 A renewal application on the form that the Board requires; and (i) 7 (ii) Satisfactory evidence of compliance with any continuing 8 education or competency requirements and other requirements required by the Board for license renewal; and 9 10 (4) Meets any additional renewal requirements established by the Board. 11 (d) In addition to any other qualifications and requirements established by (1)12the Board, the Board may establish continuing education or competency requirements as a 13condition to the renewal of licenses under this section. 14A disciplinary panel may impose a civil penalty of up to \$100 per (2)continuing medical education credit in lieu of a sanction under § 14–5B–14 of this subtitle, 1516 for a first offense, for the failure of a licensee to obtain the continuing medical education 17credits required by the Board. The Board shall renew the license of each individual who meets the 18 (1)(e) renewal requirements of this section. 19 20(2)A license may not be renewed for a term longer than 2 years. 21The Board shall reinstate the license of a radiation therapist, radiographer, (f) 22nuclear medicine technologist, [or] radiologist assistant, OR LIMITED LICENSED 23RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGIST who has failed to renew a license for any reason if the radiation therapist, radiographer, nuclear medicine technologist, [or] radiologist assistant, 24OR LIMITED LICENSED RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGIST: 2526(1)Meets the renewal requirements of this section; 27Submits to the Board: (2)28A reinstatement application on the form that the Board requires; (i) 29and 30 (ii) Satisfactory evidence of compliance with any continuing 31 education or competency requirements; and

$\frac{1}{2}$	(3) reinstatement.	Meets	s any additional requirements established by the Board for	
$\frac{3}{4}$	(g) (1) records check in ac	0	uning October 1, 2016, the Board shall require a criminal history nee with § 14–308.1 of this title for:	
$5 \\ 6$	Board; and	(i)	Renewal applicants as determined by regulations adopted by the	
$7 \\ 8$	subsection (f) of th	(ii) is sect	Each former licensee who files for reinstatement under ion.	
9 10 11 12	forwarded to the Board in accordance with § 14–308.1 of this title, in determining whether disciplinary action should be taken, based on the criminal history record information			
13		(i)	The age at which the crime was committed;	
14		(ii)	The nature of the crime;	
15		(iii)	The circumstances surrounding the crime;	
16		(iv)	The length of time that has passed since the crime;	
17		(v)	Subsequent work history;	
18		(vi)	Employment and character references; and	
$\begin{array}{c} 19\\ 20 \end{array}$	threat to the publi	(vii) c healt	Other evidence that demonstrates whether the licensee poses a h or safety.	
$21 \\ 22 \\ 23$	(3) The Board may renew or reinstate a license only if the licensee or applicant attests that the licensee or applicant has submitted to a criminal history records check under § 14–308.1 of this title.			
24	14–5B–14.			
25 26 27 28	(a) Subject to the hearing provisions of § 14–405 of this title, a disciplinary panel, on the affirmative vote of a majority of the quorum of the disciplinary panel, may deny a license to any applicant, reprimand any licensee, place any licensee on probation, or suspend or revoke a license, if the applicant or licensee:			
29 30	(1) the applicant, licer		dulently or deceptively obtains or attempts to obtain a license for dividual, or for another;	

Fraudulently or deceptively uses a license; 31(2)

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1 (3)Is guilty of unprofessional or immoral conduct in the practice of $\mathbf{2}$ radiation therapy, radiography, nuclear medicine technology, [or] radiology assistance, OR 3 LIMITED LICENSED RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY: Is professionally, physically, or mentally incompetent; 4 (4) $\mathbf{5}$ (5)Abandons a patient; 6 Is habitually intoxicated; (6)7 Is addicted to or habitually abuses any narcotic or controlled dangerous (7)8 substance as defined in § 5–101 of the Criminal Law Article; 9 (8)Provides professional services while: 10 (i) Under the influence of alcohol; or 11 (ii) Using any narcotic or controlled dangerous substance as defined 12in § 5–101 of the Criminal Law Article or any other drug that is in excess of therapeutic 13amounts or without valid medical indication; 14Promotes the sale of services, drugs, devices, appliances, or goods to a (9)15patient so as to exploit the patient for financial gain; 16 Willfully makes or files a false report or record in the practice of (10)17radiation therapy, radiography, nuclear medicine technology, [or] radiology assistance, OR LIMITED LICENSED RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY: 18 19Willfully fails to file or record any report as required under law, (11)willfully impedes or obstructs the filing or recording of a report, or induces another to fail 2021to file or record a report; 22Breaches patient confidentiality; (12)23Pays or agrees to pay any sum or provide any form of remuneration or (13)24material benefit to any person for bringing or referring a patient or accepts or agrees to 25accept any sum or any form of remuneration or material benefit from an individual for 26bringing or referring a patient; 27Knowingly makes a misrepresentation while practicing radiation (14)therapy, radiography, nuclear medicine technology, [or] radiology assistance, OR LIMITED 2829LICENSED RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY: 30 (15)Knowingly practices radiation therapy, radiography, nuclear medicine 31 technology, [or] radiology assistance, OR LIMITED LICENSED RADIOLOGIC

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1 **TECHNOLOGY** with an unauthorized individual or aids an unauthorized individual in the $\mathbf{2}$ practice of radiation therapy, radiography, nuclear medicine technology, [or] radiology 3 assistance, OR LIMITED LICENSED RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY; 4 (16)Offers, undertakes, or agrees to cure or treat disease by a secret $\mathbf{5}$ method, treatment, or medicine; 6 Is disciplined by a licensing or disciplinary authority or is convicted or (17)disciplined by a court of any state or country or is disciplined by any branch of the United 7 8 States uniformed services or the Veterans' Administration for an act that would be grounds 9 for disciplinary action under the Board's disciplinary statutes; 10 Fails to meet appropriate standards for the delivery of quality radiation (18)11 therapy, radiography, nuclear medicine technology, [or] radiology assistance, OR LIMITED 12LICENSED RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY care performed in any outpatient surgical facility, office, hospital or related institution, or any other location in this State; 1314(19)Knowingly submits false statements to collect fees for which services 15are not provided; 16 (20)(i) Has been subject to investigation or disciplinary action by a 17licensing or disciplinary authority or by a court of any state or country for an act that would be grounds for disciplinary action under the Board's disciplinary statutes; and 18 19Has: (ii) 201. Surrendered the license issued by the state or country; or 212. Allowed the license issued by the state or country to expire

23 (21) Knowingly fails to report suspected child abuse in violation of § 5–704 24 of the Family Law Article;

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or lapse;

- 25 (22) Sells, prescribes, gives away, or administers drugs for illegal or 26 illegitimate medical purposes;
- 27 (23) Practices or attempts to practice beyond the authorized scope of 28 practice;
- 29 (24) Refuses, withholds from, denies, or discriminates against an individual 30 with regard to the provision of professional services for which the licensee is licensed and 31 qualified to render because the individual is HIV positive;
- 32 (25) Practices or attempts to practice a radiation therapy, radiography, 33 nuclear medicine technology, [or] radiology assistance, OR LIMITED LICENSED

1 RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY procedure or uses radiation therapy, radiography, nuclear 2 medicine technology, [or] radiology assistance, OR LIMITED LICENSED RADIOLOGIC 3 TECHNOLOGY equipment if the applicant or licensee has not received education, 4 internship, training, or experience in the performance of the procedure or the use of the 5 equipment;

6 (26) Fails to cooperate with a lawful investigation conducted by the Board 7 or a disciplinary panel;

8 (27) Fails to practice under the supervision of a physician or violates a 9 supervisory order of a supervising physician; or

10 (28) Fails to complete a criminal history records check under § 14–308.1 of 11 this title.

12 14–5B–17.

13 (E) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SUBTITLE, A PERSON MAY 14 NOT PRACTICE, ATTEMPT TO PRACTICE, OR OFFER TO PRACTICE LIMITED LICENSED 15 RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY IN THIS STATE UNLESS LICENSED TO PRACTICE AS A 16 LIMITED LICENSED RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGIST BY THE BOARD.

17 14–5B–18.

18 (a) Unless authorized to practice radiation therapy, radiography, nuclear 19 medicine technology, [or] radiology assistance, OR LIMITED LICENSED RADIOLOGIC 20 TECHNOLOGY under this subtitle, a person may not represent to the public by title, by 21 description of services, methods, or procedures, or otherwise, that the person is authorized 22 to practice radiation therapy, radiography, nuclear medicine technology, [or] radiology 23 assistance, OR LIMITED LICENSED RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY in this State.

(b) A person may not provide, attempt to provide, offer to provide, or represent that the person provides radiation therapy, radiography, nuclear medicine technology, [or] radiology assistance, OR LIMITED LICENSED RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY care unless the radiation therapy, radiography, nuclear medicine technology, or radiology assistance care is provided by an individual who is authorized to practice radiation therapy, radiography, nuclear medicine technology, [or] radiology assistance, OR LIMITED LICENSED RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY under this subtitle.

31 14–5B–18.1.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this subtitle, a licensed physician may not
 employ or supervise an individual practicing radiation therapy, radiography, nuclear
 medicine technology, [or] radiology assistance, OR LIMITED LICENSED RADIOLOGIC
 TECHNOLOGY without a license.

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1 (b) Except as otherwise provided in this subtitle, a hospital, related institution, 2 alternative health system, or employer may not employ an individual practicing radiation 3 therapy, radiography, nuclear medicine technology, [or] radiology assistance, OR LIMITED 4 LICENSED RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY without a license.

5 (c) A disciplinary panel may impose a civil penalty of up to \$1,000 for employing 6 an individual without a license under this section.

7 (d) The Board shall remit any penalty collected under this section into the 8 General Fund of the State.

9 14–5B–20.

This subtitle may be cited as the "Maryland Radiation Therapy, Radiography,
 Nuclear Medicine Technology, [and] Radiology Assistance, AND LIMITED LICENSED
 RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY Act".

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 14 October 1, 2024.