



Maryland
Hospital Association

House Bill 1047- State Board of Physicians - Delegation of Duties - Alterations

Position: *Support*
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House Health Committee

MHA Position

On behalf of the Maryland Hospital Association's (MHA) member hospitals and health systems, we appreciate the opportunity to comment in support of House Bill 1047.

This bill builds on legislation passed during the 2024 legislative session to allow students who complete the first year of an accredited radiologic technologist program to perform limited X-rays of the chest, extremities, and spine under supervision in physician offices and urgent care centers.

HB 1047 would expand access to care in Maryland. In Q3 2025, Maryland hospitals reported a 11.4% vacancy rate for radiologic technologists (RT). These specially trained health care workers are critical in hospital environments, where they can perform specific radiologic procedures on high acuity patients. Currently, RTs are utilized in hospitals and outpatient settings. Given the shortage, this means there are outpatient settings, like urgent care centers, where there is no access to X-ray services. The previously passed legislation was meant to allow medical assistants to receive additional training to perform X-rays on low acuity patients. Expanding this statute to include radiologic technologist students who have completed their first year of school similarly allows an individual with training to perform limited scope X-rays.

HB 1047 could also support students on their journey to become an RT. The training generally takes two years of full-time school. Offering a limited scope licensure exception could allow interested individuals to earn an income while gaining experience. This earn-while-you-learn model has proven effective and could help attract more RTs to Maryland hospitals and support them while they complete their training.

HB 1047 offers an immediate solution that can quickly expand the RT workforce, while also strengthening the pipeline of future fully licensed RTs.

For these reasons, we ask for a *favorable* report on HB 1047.

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