

February 23, 2024

Madam Chair and Committee,

My name is John Hovlid. I am the Midwest Regional Radiology Manager for Concentra. I have been a licensed Limited Scope X-ray Technician in the state of Illinois for 20 years. I originally completed a Limited Scope Radiology program through the US Navy.

Having a limited scope x-ray license can be a great pathway to furthering your career because it provides you with practical experience in the field of Radiology, which can be valuable when pursuing additional certifications like the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) license. A limited scope x-ray license equips you with essential skills in conducting x-ray procedures and interacting with patients in a clinical setting.

The hands-on experience is invaluable for building a strong foundational understanding of radiography techniques and patient care. By honing your technical skills and patient care abilities through your limited scope x-ray license, you are better prepared to take on the challenges of obtaining an ARRT license.

Transitioning from a limited scope x-ray license to obtaining an American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) license is a strategic move for advancing your career in the field of radiologic technology, making it an ideal steppingstone towards pursuing an ARRT license.

I have had my limited scope x-ray license for over 20 years and the hands-on experience and knowledge I have gained over the years from having a limited scope x-ray license has helped me understand the field better, provide better patient care, and made it easier to transition into a more advanced role by going back to school to pursue my degree in radiology and obtaining my ARRT certification, which I will complete this summer. Maryland healthcare professionals, such as Medical Assistants, should be given the opportunity to learn Limited Scope Radiography, it has been such a rewarding experience.

I request a favorable report on Senate Bill 830.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Hovlid".

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