



## American Society of Radiologic Technologists

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Dear Chair Beidle,

The American Society of Radiologic Technologists represents more than 155,000 medical imaging and radiation therapy professionals across the nation, including 2,544 in Maryland. Our main mission as an organization is to advance and elevate the medical imaging and radiation therapy profession and enhance quality, safe patient care. With that mission in mind, ASRT is encouraged by the introduction of Senate Bill 915.

ASRT understands the need to address workforce shortages through utilization of limited x-ray machine operators; however, patient safety must take priority. By requiring limited x-ray machine operators to meet initial educational requirements, and pass a standardized competency exam under SB 915, Maryland is taking a critical step to ensure Marylanders receive safe, high-quality care from qualified medical imaging professionals. In order to align with the nationally-recognized curriculum, ASRT recommends increasing the minimum required didactic education to 150 hours.

Additionally, by limiting the procedures a limited x-ray machine operator can perform and requiring limited x-ray machine operators to pass a national competency exam, SB 915 appropriately balances workforce shortage and patient safety issues while ensuring patients receive high quality care.

ASRT appreciates your commitment to providing patients' access to quality health care services that only individuals who meet national education and clinical standards can provide and looks forward to working with you in the future to achieve this goal. Please feel free to contact me at [mcheck@asrt.org](mailto:mcheck@asrt.org) or 800-444-2778; Ext 1314 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M Check". The signature is stylized, with the first letter "M" being large and the last name "Check" written in a cursive-like script.

Meredith Check  
Director of Government Relations and Public Policy  
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