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SYNOPSIS

Modifies age and education requirement to qualify as radiologic technologist.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning qualifications of radiologic technologists and
2 amending P.L.1981, c.295.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. Section 6 of P.L.1981, c.295 (C.26:2D-29) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 6. a. The board shall admit to examination for licensing any
10 applicant who shall pay to the department a nonrefundable fee
11 established by rule of the commission and submit satisfactory
12 evidence, verified by oath or affirmation, that the applicant:

13 (1) At the time of application is at least **[18]** 16 years of age;

14 (2) Is of good moral character; and

15 (3) Has:

16 (a) successfully completed a four-year course of study in a
17 secondary school approved by the State Board of Education, or;

18 (b) passed an approved equivalency test; or

19 (c) enrolled in a four-year course of study in a secondary school
20 approved by the State Board of Education or in an alternative
21 education program, of which either will lead to a high school
22 diploma or equivalent.

23 b. In addition to the requirements of subsection a. **[hereof]** of
24 this section, any person seeking to obtain a license in a specific area
25 of radiologic technology shall comply with the following
26 requirements:

27 (1) Each applicant for a license as a diagnostic x-ray
28 technologist (LRT (R)) shall have satisfactorily completed a 24-
29 month course of study in radiologic technology approved by the
30 board or its equivalent, as determined by the board.

31 (2) Each applicant for a license as a radiation therapy
32 technologist (LRT(T)) shall have satisfactorily completed a 24-
33 month course in radiation therapy technology approved by the
34 board or the equivalent of such, as determined by the board.

35 (3) Each applicant for a license as a chest x-ray technologist
36 (LRT(C)) shall have satisfactorily completed the basic curriculum
37 for chest radiography as approved by the board or its equivalent, as
38 determined by the board.

39 (4) Each applicant for a license as a dental x-ray technologist
40 (LRT(D)) shall have satisfactorily completed the curriculum for
41 dental radiography as approved by the board or its equivalent, as
42 determined by the board.

43 (5) Each applicant for a license as a podiatric x-ray technologist
44 (LRT(P)) shall have satisfactorily completed the basic curriculum

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 for podiatric radiography as approved by the board or its equivalent,
2 as determined by the board.

3 (6) Each applicant for a license as an orthopedic x-ray
4 technologist (LRT(O)) shall have satisfactorily completed the basic
5 curriculum for orthopedic radiography as approved by the board or
6 its equivalent, as determined by the board.

7 (7) Each applicant for a license as an urologic x-ray technologist
8 (LRT(U)) shall have satisfactorily completed the basic curriculum
9 for urologic radiography as approved by the board or its equivalent,
10 as determined by the board.

11 (8) Each applicant for a license as a radiologist assistant (RA)
12 shall have satisfactorily completed the basic curriculum for a
13 radiologist assistant as approved by the board or its equivalent, as
14 determined by the board.

15 c. The board shall establish criteria and standards for programs
16 of diagnostic or radiation therapy and approve these programs upon
17 a finding that the standards and criteria have been met.

18 (cf: P.L.2017, c.281, s.3)

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20 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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25 This bill modifies certain requirements to qualify as a radiologic
26 technologist in the State. Under the bill, to qualify, an individual
27 can be 16 years old and demonstrate enrollment in either 1) a four-
28 year course of study in a secondary school approved by the State
29 Board of Education or 2) an alternative education program. Either
30 education option is to lead to a high school diploma. The bill
31 intends to address shortages in the radiologic technologist
32 workforce.