

Senate Executive Departments and Administration Committee

Deb Chroniak 271-1403

SB 139, relative to the licensure of medical imaging professionals.

Hearing Date: February 22, 2017

Time Opened: 9:00 A.M.

Time Closed: 9:05 A.M.

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Carson, Reagan and Gannon

Members of the Committee Absent : Senators Soucy and Woodburn

Bill Analysis: This bill modifies the requirements for licensure of magnetic resonance technologists by the board of medical imaging and radiation therapy.

Sponsors:

Sen. Sanborn

Sen. Avar

Sen. Fuller Clark

Sen. Gray

Sen. Reagan

Sen. Ward

Sen. Watters

Who supports the bill: Senator Ruth Ward, District 8; Senator Watters, District 4; and Senator Fuller Clark, District 21

Who opposes the bill: Brandy Cusson, Chair, Board of Medical Imaging; Elizabeth Angelakis, MD, Chief of Breast Imaging, Catholic Medical Center; Ann Marie Noed, RTRCT, New Hampshire Society of Radiologic Technologists (NHSRT); Melissa Lussier, NHSRT; Delia Cater, CRA, MS, RT (R)(M), NHSRT; Rich Serino, M.Ed. CNMT, NHSRT; Winslow Whitten, SVU, SDMS; Darren Sack, BS, RT(R), MSRT; Paula Minnehan, Vice President, State Government Relations, New Hampshire Hospital Association (NHHA); Patricia Willett, BS RTRC, MSRT; Sandra Beliver, New Hampshire Technical Institute (NHTI); Todd Bedard, Member of the Board of Medical Imaging; Taylor Carelli, Self; Roseanne Martin, Self, Angela, Bowers, Self

Who is neutral on the bill: No one

Summary of testimony presented in support:

Senator Reagan introduced Senator Sanborn's prime legislation on SB 139.

Summary of testimony presented in opposition:

Brandy Cusson, Chair, Medical Imaging Professionals and Radiation Therapy Board (in opposition) (testimony provided):

- Stated this legislation is striking out “American Registry of Radiologic Technologists” (ARRT) for magnetic resonance imaging and replacing with another certifying body, American Registry of MRI Technologists (ARMRIT).
 - The board can take care of this issue. The board has had communications with ARMRIT, but to date has not gone through rules process. It is an easy fix through the board and very excited to add the MRI Technologists to the board.
 - Four individuals in the State of New Hampshire that are ARMRIT certified versus over 200 in New Hampshire that have ARRT certification.
- Senator Carson** wanted to go on record stating in December 2016, Senator Giuda and herself met with the board and had a discussion about adding in the American Registry of Magnetic Resonance Imaging Technologists (ARMRIT). At that time, the board assured them this would be taken care of through the rules process.

Paula Minnehan, Hospital Association (in opposition) (testimony provided):

- Hospital Association has concerns with this legislation.
- Is in agreement with Ms. Cusson the best approach is to address through the board.
- Last year, SB 330 established the Board of Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy
- Board has been established and has been meeting.
- They are in the process of rulemaking.

Hearing closed at 9:05 a.m.

Future Action: Inexpedient to Legislate

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Date Hearing Report completed: February 24, 2017

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