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To: Radiologic Technology Licensees and other Interested Parties

From: Bernard Bevill, Section Chief 
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Date: February 14, 2022

Subject: **Proposed Revisions to the Arkansas State Board of Health's Rules
Pertaining to Radiologic Technology Licensure – October 2021 package**

The Arkansas Department of Health is holding a public comment period to allow interested persons to comment on the proposed adoption of revisions to the Arkansas State Board of Health Rules Pertaining to Radiologic Technology Licensure pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act as amended, Ark. Code Ann. 25-15-201 et seq., by the authority of Ark. Code Ann. 17-106-101-111.

The proposed revisions are available for inspection online through the ADH website at www.healthy.arkansas.gov, "Rules" link. Copies may be obtained by calling the Radiation Control Section at (501) 661-2301. The proposed revisions will also be available for public inspection and copying at the Arkansas Department of Health, Radiation Control Section, Freeway Medical Tower, 5800 West 10th Street, Suite 401, Little Rock, Arkansas 72204.

A brief summary of the revisions is attached.

The public may submit written comments to radiation.administration@arkansas.gov; in person at Freeway Medical Tower, 5800 West 10th Street, Suite 401, Little Rock, Arkansas 72204; or mail to the Radiation Control Section Chief, Radiation Control Section, Arkansas Department of Health, 4815 West Markham Street, Slot #30, Little Rock, Arkansas 72205-3867, no later than 10:00 a.m. on March 21, 2022.

If you have any questions, please call Radiation Control at (501) 661-2301.

**PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE ASBH
RULES PERTAINING TO RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY LICENSURE**

October 2021 RULE PACKAGE

The Radiation Control Section is initiating the process for the revision of the Arkansas State Board of Health's Rules Pertaining to Radiologic Technology Licensure.

During the 2021 Legislative Session, special attention was once again paid to occupational licensure. Four (4) Acts require Radiologic Technology Licensure rule revision. These are:

ACT 135 of 2021 “AUTOMATIC LICENSURE”

During the 2019 Legislative Session, the Legislature passed legislation to expedite the licensure of uniformed service members stationed in Arkansas, uniformed service members veterans living in Arkansas, and their spouses. “AUTOMATIC LICENSURE” was given to a person who is a holder in good standing of an occupational license with a similar scope of practice issued by another state.

During the 2021 Legislative Session, the Legislature once again returned to this area where substantial additions were made in this area. There was an expansion as to who these rules applied to, credit toward initial licensure, expiration dates, and continuing education.

ACT 725 of 2021 “FEE WAIVER”

An applicant may receive a waiver of the initial licensure fee if receiving assistance from listed public assistance programs. Applicants shall provide documentation showing their receipt of benefits from the appropriate State Agency.

ACT 746 of 2021 “WORK PERMITS”

The Radiologic Technology Licensure Program shall grant an occupational or professional license to an individual who fulfills the requirements to practice an occupation or profession in this state and is a person who holds a "work permit."

ACT 811 of 2021 “EARN TO LEARN”

An applicant shall receive a Limited Licensed Technologist License if they have provided satisfactory proof of completion of apprenticeship from a radiologic technology apprenticeship program. This apprenticeship program would have to meet the federal guidelines set out in 29 CFR Part 29, as existing on March 1, 2021, and that the program has been approved by the United States Office of Apprenticeship or the Arkansas Department of Workforce Services. An applicant for licensure shall meet all the other non-educational requirements for licensure.