

**RADIOLOGY PRACTITIONER AMENDMENTS**

2018 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Robert M. Spendlove**

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill defines radiology practitioners to include physical therapists.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ defines radiology practitioners to include physical therapists; and
- ▶ makes technical changes.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**58-54-102**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2013, Chapter 387

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section **58-54-102** is amended to read:

**58-54-102. Definitions.**

[In addition to the definition in Section ~~58-1-102~~, as] As used in this chapter:

(1) "Board" means the Radiologic Technologist Licensing Board [~~established under this chapter~~] created in Section 58-54-201.



28           (2) "Critical access hospital" means a hospital in a rural or medically underserved area  
29 that is recognized by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services as meeting the conditions  
30 of participation specified in 42 C.F.R. 485.601-647.

31           (3) "General supervision" means the supervising radiologist is available to provide  
32 immediate communication with the supervised person and is aware of the procedure before it is  
33 performed.

34           (4) "Indirect supervision" means the supervising radiologist:

35           (a) has given either written or verbal instructions to the person being supervised;

36           (b) is present in the facility in which the person being supervised is providing services;

37 and

38           (c) is available to provide immediate face-to-face communications with the person  
39 being supervised.

40           (5) "Practice of radiologic technology" means using radiation from a radioactive  
41 substance, radiology equipment, or any other source, in amounts beyond normal background  
42 levels, for diagnostic or therapeutic purposes on humans.

43           (6) "Practice of radiologist assistant" means the performance of non-invasive and  
44 minimally invasive radiological procedures:

45           (a) delegated to a radiologist assistant by a radiologist; and

46           (b) performed under the indirect supervision of a radiologist.

47           (7) "Radiologic technologist" means a person licensed under this chapter to engage in  
48 the practice of radiologic technology under the general supervision of a radiologist or radiology  
49 practitioner including the administration of parenteral contrast media, radionuclides, and other  
50 medications incidental to radiology procedures provided the administrations are under the  
51 direct supervision of a qualified physician and the technologist is currently certified in  
52 cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and appropriate patient care procedures.

53           (8) "Radiologist" means a physician certified by the American Board of Radiology, the  
54 American Osteopathic Board of Radiology, the British Royal College of Radiology, or the  
55 Canadian College of Physicians and Surgeons.

56           (9) "Radiologist assistant" means a person licensed under this chapter to engage in the  
57 practice of a radiologist assistant.

58           (10) "Radiology equipment" means any medical radiation device that emits ionizing or

59 nonionizing radiation or detects that radiation for the purpose or intended purpose of:

60 (a) diagnosing disease or other medical conditions in humans; or

61 (b) treating, curing, mitigating, or preventing disease in humans.

62 (11) "Radiology practical technician" means a person licensed under this chapter to  
63 engage in a practice of radiologic technology performing limited diagnostic radiology  
64 procedures:

65 (a) as defined and permitted by rule in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah  
66 Administrative Rulemaking Act; and

67 (b) under the supervision of a radiologist or radiology practitioner.

68 (12) "Radiology practitioner" means any person or individual licensed in this state as a:

69 (a) physician and surgeon, osteopathic physician, podiatric physician, chiropractic  
70 physician, dentist, dental hygienist, or ~~a~~ physical therapist; or

71 (b) physician's assistant, nurse practitioner, or nurse specialist practicing under the  
72 supervision of an approved supervising physician and in accordance with an approved protocol  
73 and utilization plan.

74 (13) "Unlawful conduct" ~~is as~~ means the same as that term is defined in Sections  
75 [58-1-501](#) and [58-54-501](#).

76 (14) "Unprofessional conduct" ~~is as~~ means the same as that term is defined in  
77 Sections [58-1-501](#) and [58-54-501](#) and as may be further defined by administrative rule adopted  
78 by the division.

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