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H. F. No. 819

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services Policy
03/04/2019 Adoption of Report: Placed on the General Register as Amended
Read for the Second Time

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to health; authorizing the x-ray practice of cardiovascular technologists
1.3 who meet certain education requirements; amending Minnesota Statutes 2018,
1.4 section 144.121, subdivision 5a.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 144.121, subdivision 5a, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 5a. Limited x-ray machine operator practice. (a) A limited x-ray operator may
1.8 only practice medical radiography on limited regions of the human anatomy for which the
1.9 operator has successfully passed an examination identified in subdivision 5, unless the
1.10 operator meets one of the exemptions described in paragraph (b). The operator may practice
1.11 using only routine radiographic procedures, for the interpretation by and under the direction
1.12 of a licensed qualified practitioner, excluding computed tomography, the use of contrast
1.13 media, and the use of fluoroscopic or mammographic equipment.

1.14 (b) This subdivision does not apply to:

1.15 (1) limited x-ray machine operators who passed the examination that was required before
1.16 January 1, 2008;

1.17 (2) certified radiologic technologists, licensed dental hygienists, registered dental
1.18 assistants, certified registered nurse anesthetists, and registered physician assistants;

1.19 (3) individuals who are licensed in Minnesota to practice medicine, osteopathic medicine,
1.20 chiropractic, podiatry, or dentistry; and

1.21 (4) individuals who are participating in a training course in any of the occupations listed
1.22 in clause (2) or (3), or (5) for the duration and within the scope of the training course; and

2.1 (5) cardiovascular technologists who assist with the operation of fluoroscopy equipment
2.2 if they:

2.3 (i) are credentialed by Cardiovascular Credentialing International as a registered
2.4 cardiovascular invasive specialist or as a registered cardiac electrophysiology specialist;
2.5 are a graduate of an education program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of
2.6 Allied Health Education Programs, which uses the standards and criteria established by the
2.7 Joint Review Committee on Education in Cardiovascular Technology; or are designated on
2.8 a variance granted by the commissioner, effective on July 31, 2019; and

2.9 (ii) are under the personal supervision and in the physical presence of a qualified
2.10 practitioner for diagnosing or treating a disease or condition of the cardiovascular system
2.11 in fluoroscopically guided interventional procedures. Cardiovascular technologists may not
2.12 activate the fluoroscopic system or evaluate quality control tests.

2.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.