

CHAPTER 119

AN ACT concerning radiologic technology licensure and supplementing P.L.1981, c.295 (C.26:2D-24 et seq.).

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

C.26:2D-27.1 Additional license required to operate hybrid fusion imaging technology; terms defined.

1. Notwithstanding any other provision of P.L.1981, c.295 (C.26:2D-24 et seq.) to the contrary, a licensed nuclear medicine technologist, upon obtaining an additional license pursuant to this section, may operate hybrid fusion imaging technology. A license shall be issued pursuant to this section to a nuclear medicine technologist upon obtaining appropriate additional education or training and demonstrating competency, as determined by the board, by regulation. The board shall establish the title of the license, the scope of practice of the license subject to subsection f. of section 4 of P.L.1981, c.295 (C.26:2D-27), and the letters that may be used after the licensee's name to denote the title and qualifications.

For the purposes of this section:

“Hybrid fusion imaging technology” means equipment capable of performing two or more medical imaging examinations simultaneously, merging the data to form a composite image. Hybrid fusion imaging equipment shall include, but not be limited to, PET/CT (Positron Emission Tomography/Computed Tomography) equipment, SPECT/CT (Single-Photon Emission Computed Tomography/Computed Tomography) equipment, and attenuation correction. Hybrid fusion imaging equipment shall not include ultrasound equipment.

“Licensed nuclear medicine technologist” means a person who possesses a valid license issued by the Department of Environmental Protection to engage in the practice of nuclear medicine technology.

C.26:2D-27.2 Rules, regulations.

2. Within one year of the date of enactment of P.L.2013, c.119 (C.26:2D-27.1 et seq.), the Commission on Radiation Protection shall establish rules and regulations pursuant to the “Administrative Procedure Act” P.L.1968, c.140 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), for the licensing of nuclear medicine technologists to operate hybrid fusion imaging technology pursuant to section 1 of this act.

3. This act shall take effect on the 365th day after the date of enactment, but the Commission on Radiation Protection may take such anticipatory administrative action in advance thereof as shall be necessary for the implementation of this act.

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