

CHAPTER NO. 704

HOUSE BILL NO. 2515

By Representative Pinion

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2879

By Senator Herron

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 6 and Title 63, Chapter 9, relative to radiology practitioner assistants and radiology assistants.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 6, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

63-6-235:

(a) In addition to the practice permitted by § 63-6-224, a radiologist may utilize the services of a radiologist assistant, to practice radiology assistance under the supervision of such radiologist to the extent not prohibited by § 63-6-224.

(b) The board of medical examiners shall define the scope of practice of a radiologist assistant and the educational qualifications necessary to practice as a radiologist assistant by rules promulgated in accordance with the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5. Such rules shall be consistent with guidelines adopted by the American College of Radiology, the American Society of Radiologic Technologists, and the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists.

(c) A radiologist assistant must be a radiologic technologist certified by the board of medical examiners under § 63-6-224 and certified and registered with the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) and credentialed to provide radiology services under the supervision of a radiologist.

(d) A radiologist assistant may not interpret images, make diagnoses, or prescribe medications or therapies.

SECTION 2. On or after the effective date of this act, a radiology practitioner assistant shall only be known as a radiologist assistant.

SECTION 3. On or after July 1, 2007, any person seeking to become a radiologist assistant in Tennessee must have completed an advanced academic program encompassing a nationally recognized radiologist assistant curriculum, as well as completed a radiologist directed clinical preceptorship, all culminating in a baccalaureate degree.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2004, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 6, 2004


JIMMY RAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES


JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 18th day of May 2004


PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR