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Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 796

Chairperson: Joel Johnson
Committee: Health and Human Services
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The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 796 provides the following changes to the Radiation Control Act:

- First this bill creates a new restricted category of medical radiography licensure. This category would allow individuals certified by the Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board (NMTCB) or the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) in Nuclear Medicine Technology that are also certified by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists in Computed Tomography to be eligible for a license to practice medical radiography restricted to the use of computed tomography systems.
- Second, this change will remove the radon measurement technician and radon mitigation technician licenses. Radon measurement specialist and radon mitigation specialist licenses will still be available. No radon mitigation technician license has ever been issued in the history of the Program. Recent changes to the Radon Program rules and regulations have made the measurement technician and specialist licenses equal to one another; there is no difference in qualifications.
- Third, this bill adds additional language that would consider a person who is licensed as a radon measurement technician to be licensed as a measurement specialist status, until time of renewal.
- Fourth, this bill allows the application for registration to be either in writing or by electronic means. This would allow the applicant flexibility in how information is provided to the department. It would also allow the department the flexibility of listing in the regulations the necessary information items that must be included in an application without limiting the specific format of the application.
- Fifth, this bill sets up a three tiered fee cap system for registration and inspection of radiation generating equipment used to diagnose conditions in humans or animals. The fee cap would be increased to \$250 for the least complex types of x-ray machines such as dental intraoral and veterinary systems. The fee cap would be increased to \$500 for moderately complex types of x-ray machines and the fee cap would be increased to \$750 for the most complex

types of x-ray machines such as computed tomography and angiographic systems. The current annual fee for registration and inspection of x-ray radiation generating equipment used to diagnose conditions in humans or animals is limited to \$70 which does not cover costs.

- Finally, the proposal would provide the Department the authority to require radioactive material licenses with access to radionuclides of concern to undergo a Federal criminal background check and fingerprinting. This change is needed for the Department to remain compatible with the Nuclear Regulatory commission's program as outlined in Section 71-3505.

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