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podiatric medical assistants; radiation; exemption

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**CHAPTER 5**  
**SENATE BILL 1078**

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 32-2811, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO IONIZING RADIATION.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 32-2811, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 32-2811. Ionizing radiation; prohibitions; limitations;  
5 exceptions

6 A. ~~No~~ EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION D OF THIS SECTION, A person  
7 may NOT use ionizing radiation on a human being unless the person is a  
8 licensed practitioner or the holder of a certificate as provided in this  
9 chapter.

10 B. A person holding a certificate may use ionizing radiation on  
11 human beings only for diagnostic or therapeutic purposes while operating  
12 in each particular case at the direction of a licensed practitioner,  
13 except that a person holding a certificate may use ionizing radiation on  
14 human beings for diagnostic purposes only while operating in each  
15 particular case at the direction of a licensed practitioner who is  
16 licensed in any other state, territory or district of the United States.  
17 The application of ionizing radiation and the direction to apply ionizing  
18 radiation are limited to those persons or parts of the human body  
19 specified in the law under which the LICENSED practitioner is licensed.  
20 The provisions of the technologist's certificate govern the extent of  
21 application of ionizing radiation.

22 C. ~~Nothing in~~ THE PROVISIONS OF this chapter relating to  
23 technologists ~~shall be construed to~~ DO NOT limit, enlarge or affect in any  
24 respect the practice of their respective professions by duly licensed  
25 practitioners.

26 D. The requirement of a certificate ~~shall~~ DOES not apply to:

27 1. A hospital resident specializing in radiology who is not a  
28 licensed practitioner in this state or a student enrolled in and attending  
29 a school or college of medicine, ~~osteopathy~~ OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE,  
30 podiatry, dentistry, naturopathic medicine, chiropractic or radiologic  
31 technology AND who applies ionizing radiation to a human being while under  
32 the specific direction of a licensed practitioner.

33 2. A person engaged in performing the duties of a technologist in  
34 that person's employment by an agency, bureau or division of the  
35 government of the United States.

36 3. Dental hygienists licensed in ~~the~~ THIS state ~~of Arizona~~ and  
37 dental assistants holding a valid certificate in dental radiology from a  
38 course approved by the state board of dental examiners.

39 4. Persons providing assistance during an ionizing radiation  
40 procedure, apart from such procedures conducted in a health care  
41 institution, under the direction of a person licensed ~~for the~~ TO use ~~of~~ an  
42 ionizing radiation machine.

1           5. A person who is employed by or acting on behalf of the state  
2 department of corrections or a county jail and who uses a low-dose  
3 ionizing radiation body scanning device to detect contraband, as defined  
4 in section 13-2501, in or on an inmate.

5           6. A PODIATRIC MEDICAL ASSISTANT WHO HOLDS A VALID CERTIFICATE IN  
6 PODIATRIC RADIOLOGY FROM A COURSE APPROVED BY THE STATE BOARD OF PODIATRY  
7 EXAMINERS.

8           E. Subsection B of this section does not apply to ionizing  
9 radiation ordered by a licensed practitioner for other than diagnostic or  
10 therapeutic purposes pursuant to section 13-2505, subsection E.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR MARCH 28, 2023.

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