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rural hospitals; radiation protection grants

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# SENATE BILL 1118

AN ACT

APPROPRIATING MONIES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Appropriation; department of health services;  
3 rural hospitals; radiation protection systems;  
4 grants; definitions

5 A. The sum of \$3,000,000 is appropriated from the state general  
6 fund in fiscal year 2026-2027 to the department of health services to  
7 establish and administer a grant program to assist rural hospitals with  
8 the costs of acquiring and installing radiation protection systems in  
9 cardiac catheterization procedure rooms in which real-time x-ray imaging  
10 procedures occur.

11 B. For the purposes of this section:

12 1. "Radiation protection system" means a shielding system that is  
13 designed to protect against scatter or direct ionizing radiation exposure,  
14 that provides protection equal to or greater than the shielding  
15 effectiveness of a .25 millimeter lead-equivalent apron and that includes  
16 real-time dosimetry to measure radiation exposure to health professionals  
17 throughout an ionizing radiation medical procedure.

18 2. "Rural hospital" means a licensed hospital that is located in a  
19 county with a population of less than one million persons.