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Introduced by
Senators Werner: Angius, Shope; Representative Bliss

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 \$_____ is appropriated from the state general fund
6 in fiscal year 2026-2027 to the department of health services to establish
7 and administer a grant program to assist rural hospitals with the costs of
8 acquiring and installing radiation protection systems in procedure rooms
9 in which ionizing radiation procedures occur.

10 B. For the purposes of this section:

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

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