

**SENATE  
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1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to health; authorizing the x-ray practice of cardiovascular technologists

1.3 who meet certain education requirements; amending Minnesota Statutes 2018,

1.4 section 144.121, subdivision 5a.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 144.121, subdivision 5a, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 5a. **Limited x-ray machine operator practice.** (a) A limited x-ray operator may

1.8 only practice medical radiography on limited regions of the human anatomy for which the

1.9 operator has successfully passed an examination identified in subdivision 5, unless the

1.10 operator meets one of the exemptions described in paragraph (b). The operator may practice

1.11 using only routine radiographic procedures, for the interpretation by and under the direction

1.12 of a ~~licensed~~ qualified practitioner, excluding computed tomography, the use of contrast

1.13 media, and the use of fluoroscopic or mammographic equipment.

1.14 (b) This subdivision does not apply to:

1.15 (1) limited x-ray machine operators who passed the examination that was required before

1.16 January 1, 2008;

1.17 (2) certified radiologic technologists, licensed dental hygienists, registered dental

1.18 assistants, certified registered nurse anesthetists, and registered physician assistants;

1.19 (3) individuals who are licensed in Minnesota to practice medicine, osteopathic medicine,

1.20 chiropractic, podiatry, or dentistry; and

1.21 (4) individuals who are participating in a training course in any of the occupations listed

1.22 in clause (2) ~~or~~ (3), or (5) for the duration and within the scope of the training course; and

2.1 (5) cardiovascular technologists who are:

2.2 (i) credentialed by Cardiovascular Credentialing International as a registered  
2.3 cardiovascular invasive specialist or registered cardiac electrophysiology specialist and  
2.4 have completed and maintained fluoroscopy safety education and training requirements  
2.5 established by the commissioner; or

2.6 (ii) designated on a variance granted by the commissioner prior to July 1, 2019. A  
2.7 cardiovascular technologist who satisfies the requirements in this clause may only assist  
2.8 with the operation of fluoroscopy equipment. The cardiovascular technologist may not  
2.9 activate the fluoroscopic system or evaluate quality control tests. A cardiovascular  
2.10 technologist may only assist with the operation of fluoroscopy equipment under the personal  
2.11 supervision of and in the physical presence of a qualified practitioner for diagnosing or  
2.12 treating a disease or condition of the cardiovascular system in fluoroscopically guided  
2.13 interventional procedures.