

CHAPTER 17--H.F.No. 819

An act relating to health; authorizing the x-ray practice of cardiovascular technologists who meet certain education requirements; amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 144.121, subdivision 5a.

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

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

Subd. 5a. **Limited x-ray machine operator practice.** (a) A limited x-ray operator may only practice medical radiography on limited regions of the human anatomy for which the operator has successfully passed an examination identified in subdivision 5, unless the operator meets one of the exemptions described in paragraph (b). The operator may practice using only routine radiographic procedures, for the interpretation by and under the direction of a ~~licensed~~ qualified practitioner, excluding computed tomography, the use of contrast media, and the use of fluoroscopic or mammographic equipment.

(b) This subdivision does not apply to:

(1) limited x-ray machine operators who passed the examination that was required before January 1, 2008;

(2) certified radiologic technologists, licensed dental hygienists, registered dental assistants, certified registered nurse anesthetists, and registered physician assistants;

(3) individuals who are licensed in Minnesota to practice medicine, osteopathic medicine, chiropractic, podiatry, or dentistry; ~~and~~

(4) individuals who are participating in a training course in any of the occupations listed in clause (2), ~~or (3), or (5)~~ or (5) for the duration and within the scope of the training course; and

(5) cardiovascular technologists who assist with the operation of fluoroscopy equipment if they:

(i) are credentialed by Cardiovascular Credentialing International as a registered cardiovascular invasive specialist or as a registered cardiac electrophysiology specialist, are a graduate of an education program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs, which uses the standards and criteria established by the Joint Review Committee on Education in Cardiovascular Technology, or are designated on a variance granted by the commissioner, effective July 31, 2019; and

(ii) are under the personal supervision and in the physical presence of a qualified practitioner for diagnosing or treating a disease or condition of the cardiovascular system in fluoroscopically guided interventional procedures. Cardiovascular technologists may not activate the fluoroscopic system or evaluate quality control tests.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Presented to the governor May 3, 2019