



Legislative Committee Update  
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At the time of this report, there are no known actionable de-regulatory legislative measures pending. Blumenfeld and Associates continues to work with the WSRT as our policy advisor and keeps us apprised of some measures that indirectly affect the radiologic profession, which will be described in this report.

Mr. Blumenfeld forwarded an article entitled “Who’s Afraid of Occupational Licensing,” written by state Representative Jonathan Brostoff (Assembly District 19). At this time last year, the WSRT was anxiously awaiting the results of the Occupational License Review mandated by former Governor Scott Walker. Licensure for our profession was retained and it remains the law for patients of Wisconsin to be served by credentialed radiologic professionals. Rep Brostoff is an avid proponent of licensing. His article mentioned our profession and the importance of licensed personnel for the safety and welfare of the public. I wrote to him to thank him for including us in the hopes of a continuing dialogue with this Assemblyman.

Importantly, we were informed by Erin Fabrizius of Mr. Blumenfeld’s office that there will be a public hearing on the Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS) proposal to create a new section of the RAD rule—RAD 7 to specify the requirements for renewal and reinstatement of a license as a radiographer or a Limited X-ray Machine Operator. Specifically “although 462.05 State Statutes contain the requirements for renewal of a license or permit, these provisions do not specify the requirements for late renewal or reinstatement of a license or permit that has not been renewed within 5 years when the license or permit holder has not met disciplinary requirements or the license or permit has been revoked or surrendered. The meeting will be held in conjunction with the next meeting of the Radiography Examining Board on December 11, 0900 at the DSPS. I have confirmed with Donald Borst that no proposals have been drafted to date. It will be very important to provide key input at this meeting to preserve the integrity of our licensure law. I have reached out to Christine Lung of the ASRT for potential models of other state laws. Dan Vander Meulen is also researching current laws. The licensure law was built to reflect ARRT credentialing rules which will provide guidance for the registered technologist. The LXMO perimtee provisions may require more research. Any input on the testimony would be greatly appreciated.

Erin Fabrizius has forwarded some other legislative developments as follows:

**Seante Bill 163 /Assembly Bill 175:** This bill passed by the state Senate makes it a felony to intentionally harm all health care professionals. Interestingly, originally the bill only referred to “nurses”, but an amendment defined health care professional as “any person who is licensed, registered permitted, or certified by the department of health of safety and professional services to provide medical or health care services in this state.” This bill is supported by the Wi Hospital Association and has gained momentum. The Assembly had already adopted a similar amendment in Committee. The Assembly still needs to approve the bill before it is signed into law.

**SB492/AB546:** Sets practice and consumer protection standards related to complementary and alternative health care, including that they provide clients with information that they are not a licensed medical professional. The bill is clear that these providers are prohibited from prescribing or administering X-ray services. No known action has been taken so far on this bill after it was introduced.

Work on the ASRT Advocacy page is ongoing to be able to inform the WSRT and ASRT membership communities of the WSRT’s activities. Hopefully we can achieve this early in 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

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