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INFORMATION NOTICE

REGARDING THE USE OF X-RAY BONE DENSITOMETERS BY LIMITED PERMIT X-RAY TECHNICIANS

Persons who perform X-Ray Bone Densitometry in California are required to possess one of the following: a valid California Diagnostic Radiologic Technologist Certificate, California Radiography Supervisor and Operator Permit, California Radiology Supervisor and Operator Certificate or an X-Ray Technician Limited Permit in the X-Ray Bone Densitometry Category. See California Radiologic Technology Act (California Health and Safety Code 27(f) and California Code of Regulations, title 17, division 1, chapter 5, subchapter 4.5).

The limited permit category for X-ray bone densitometry was established by regulation on September 15, 1997. See California Code of Regulations, title 17, section 30443. Since that time it has been and continues to be unlawful for any Limited Permit X-Ray Technician to perform X-ray bone densitometry on human beings in this state unless that technician has been granted an X-ray Bone Densitometry Permit. See California Health and Safety Code, section 106965.

Any individuals found performing X-Ray Bone Densitometry without the necessary certificate/permit will be issued a Notice of Violation and Radiation User's Declaration, which states that he/she was found to be in violation of California Health and Safety Code, Section 106965. Please take notice that Health and Safety Code Section 107075 makes it a misdemeanor for any person to aid or abet the violation of any of the provisions of the Radiologic Technology Act. Please also be aware that Business and Professions Code Section 2052, provides that any person who practices any mode of treating the sick or afflicted without being authorized to perform the act pursuant to a certificate obtained in accordance with some provision of law is guilty of a public offense, punishable by a fine not exceeding ten thousand dollars ($10,000), by imprisonment in the state prison, by imprisonment in a county jail not exceeding one year, or by both the fine and either imprisonment. Also, any person who aids or abets another to commit any act described above is guilty of a public offense and subject to the punishment described.

Any person who obtains a limited permit X-ray technician school graduation diploma or certificate and evidence of completion of clinical training in X-ray Bone Densitometry may submit a completed Form DHS 8232 BD, X-ray Technician Bone Densitometry Permit Application, which can be found on the Applications/ Forms page of the Radiologic Health Branch Website at http://www.dhs.ca.gov/rhb.

Questions pertaining to this issue should be sent to rhbinfo@dhs.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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