

HOUSE No. 3946

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Shirley B. Arriaga

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act regulating medical imaging and radiation therapy.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Shirley B. Arriaga</i>	<i>8th Hampden</i>	<i>1/20/2023</i>

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By Representative Arriaga of Chicopee, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3946) of Shirley B. Arriaga relative to regulating medical imaging and radiation therapy. Public Health.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act regulating medical imaging and radiation therapy.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 5L of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the fifth paragraph and inserting in place
3 thereof the following paragraph:-

4 The department shall establish the requirements for registration, collect registration fees,
5 establish ethical standards including, sonography usage outside of hospitals and medical facilities
6 on pregnant persons, require and establish continuing educational requirements, evaluate the
7 qualifications of the applicants, investigate complaints, supervise examinations and grant
8 licenses to those who pass the examination and who are determined to be qualified radiologic
9 technologists. No person shall perform the duties of a radiologic technologist without such
10 license however, the department may grant a temporary waiver for 3 months upon a finding that
11 the public convenience and necessity require such a waiver. The fee for such license and renewal
12 shall be determined annually by the commissioner of administration under the provisions of
13 section 3B of chapter 7.

14 SECTION 2. Chapter 112 of the General Law, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition,
15 is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

16 Section 290. (a) For the purposes of this section the following words shall, unless the
17 context clearly requires otherwise, have the following meanings:

18 “Commissioner”, the commissioner of public health.

19 “Department”, the department of public health.

20 “Medical imaging”, any procedure intended for use in the diagnosis or visualization of a
21 pregnancy or other medical conditions using sonography or ultrasound technologies.

22 “Sonographer”, a person licensed to perform a comprehensive set of diagnostic
23 sonography procedures using an ultrasound to create medical images.

24 (b) The department shall establish the requirements for registration, collect registration
25 fees, establish ethical standards, require and establish continuing educational requirements,
26 evaluate the qualifications of the applicants, investigate complaints, supervise examinations and
27 grant licenses to those who pass the examination and who are determined to be qualified
28 sonographer. No person shall perform the duties of medical imaging on humans using
29 sonography or ultrasound technology without such license.

30 (c) The fee for a sonographer license and renewal shall be determined annually by the
31 commissioner.

32 (d) The department of shall promulgate rules or regulations necessary to carry out this
33 section.