

By: Representative Holland

To: Public Health and Human Services

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 689

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE RADIOLOGISTS TO USE THE SERVICES OF
2 RADIOLOGIST ASSISTANTS TO PRACTICE RADIOLOGY ASSISTANCE UNDER
3 THEIR SUPERVISION; TO DIRECT THE STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE
4 TO DEFINE BY RULE THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE OF A RADIOLOGIST ASSISTANT
5 AND THE EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS NECESSARY TO PRACTICE AS A
6 RADIOLOGIST ASSISTANT; TO PROVIDE THAT RADIOLOGIST ASSISTANTS MAY
7 NOT INTERPRET IMAGES, MAKE DIAGNOSES OR PRESCRIBE MEDICATIONS OR
8 THERAPIES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

10 **SECTION 1.** (1) A radiologist may use the services of a
11 radiologist assistant to practice radiology assistance under the
12 supervision of the radiologist.

13 (2) The State Board of Medical Licensure shall define by
14 rule the scope of practice of a radiologist assistant and the
15 educational qualifications necessary to practice as a radiologist
16 assistant. Those rules shall be consistent with guidelines
17 adopted by the American College of Radiology, the American Society
18 of Radiologic Technologists, and the American Registry of
19 Radiologic Technologists.

20 (3) A radiologist assistant must be a radiologic
21 technologist registered under Sections 41-58-1 through 41-58-5 and
22 must be certified and registered with the American Registry of
23 Radiologic Technologists and credentialed to provide radiology
24 services under the supervision of a radiologist.

25 (4) A radiologist assistant may not interpret images, make
26 diagnoses or prescribe medications or therapies.

27 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
28 and after July 1, 2005.