

By: Representative Holland

To: Public Health and Human Services

HOUSE BILL NO. 689

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

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

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

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

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

26 (4) A radiology practitioner assistant may not interpret
27 images, make diagnoses or prescribe medications or therapies.

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