

By: Representative Barnett

To: Public Health and Human
Services

HOUSE BILL NO. 917

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 41-58-7, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 AUTHORIZE THE STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE TO LICENSE AND
3 REGULATE THE PRACTICE OF RADIOLOGIST ASSISTANTS; TO DIRECT THE
4 BOARD TO PROMULGATE REASONABLE RULES AND REGULATIONS NECESSARY FOR
5 REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF RADIOLOGIST ASSISTANTS, INCLUDING
6 QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSURE, SCOPE OF PRACTICE, DISCIPLINE, AND
7 LICENSURE AND RENEWAL FEES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

9 **SECTION 1.** Section 41-58-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
10 amended as follows:

11 41-58-7. (1) The State Board of Medical Licensure shall
12 license and regulate the practice of radiologist assistants in
13 accordance with the provisions of this section.

14 (2) A radiologist may use the services of a radiologist
15 assistant to practice radiology assistance under the supervision
16 of the radiologist, provided that the radiologist assistant is
17 duly qualified and licensed as provided in this section.

18 (3) The board shall promulgate and publish reasonable rules
19 and regulations necessary to enable it to discharge its functions
20 and enforce the provisions of law regulating the practice of
21 radiologist assistants. Those rules and regulations shall
22 include, but are not limited to: qualifications for licensure for
23 radiologist assistants; scope of practice of radiologist
24 assistants; supervision of radiologist assistants; identification
25 of radiologist assistants; grounds for disciplinary actions and
26 discipline of radiologist assistants; and setting and charging
27 reasonable fees for licensure and license renewals for radiologist
28 assistants.

29 (4) * * * Those rules and regulations adopted by the board
30 pertaining to the scope of practice and the educational
31 qualifications necessary to practice as a radiologist assistant
32 shall be consistent with guidelines adopted by the American
33 College of Radiology, the American Society of Radiologic
34 Technologists, and the American Registry of Radiologic
35 Technologists.

36 (5) Applicants for licensure as a radiologist assistant must
37 be: (a) credentialed to provide radiology services under the
38 supervision of a radiologist; (b) a radiologic technologist
39 registered under Sections 41-58-1 through 41-58-5; and (c)
40 certified and registered with the American Registry of Radiologic
41 Technologists * * *.

42 (6) A radiologist assistant may not interpret images, make
43 diagnoses or prescribe medications or therapies.

44 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
45 and after its passage.