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HB 2267 – BOARD OF MEDICAL IMAGING OMNIBUS LEGISLATION

HB 2267 ACCOMPLISHES THREE CONCEPTS:

SECTION 1: EXEMPT OPHTHALMIC SONOGRAPHY FROM LICENSURE REQUIREMENT

- **Problem:** The board recently became aware that there is a separate category of sonography that is related to the practice of ophthalmology. Current statute requires any technologist performing diagnostic sonography to have a license from the board. There are only two known ophthalmic sonographers in Oregon. They are certified by a national registry that is not one of the registries that OMBI uses to certify technologists.
- **Proposed Solution:** Because of the small number and narrow focus of ophthalmic technologists, the board proposes to exempt them from board licensure.

SECTIONS 2-3: ALLOW OMBI TO DESIGNATE CERTAIN OFFENSES AS “NON-DISCIPLINARY”

- **Problem:** Under current law, any civil penalty issued by the board is a disciplinary action which creates a permanent disciplinary record that is publicly available on the board’s website and is reported to the licensee’s national registry and also the the National Practitioner Data Bank. This can have the effect of painting minor administrative infractions with the same brush a major practice violations.
- **Proposed Solution:** Allow the board to write rules to specify certain sanctions against a license as a non-disciplinary action by the board. This provision could only be applied for license violations that result in civil penalties no more than \$100 and only in cases in which the violation does not create a risk of harm to the public. This is modeled after HB 2475, enacted in 2015.

SECTIONS 4-6: RECOGNIZE CREDENTIAL OF INT’L SOCIETY OF CLINICAL DENSITOMETRY

- **Problem:** Currently the Board can issue a permit to practice bone densitometry to persons who complete an approved course and pass a national exam offered by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT). Currently only one person in the state offers to teach the course. The course is rarely offered, creating a problem for persons who wish to practice bone densitometry in Oregon.
- **Proposed Solution:** The Board proposes to add statutory authorization to write rules to allow the Board to issue a limited permit to a person with a credential from the International Society of Clinical Densitometry (ISCD). Also, this concept would allow the board to write rules to issue a temporary license to a person who is working toward earning an ISCD credential in bone densitometry.

NO OPPOSITION FROM STAKEHOLDERS: The Board sought comment from the Oregon Medical Board, Oregon Medical Association, Oregon Hospital Association, OHA Radiation Protection Services, Oregon Society of Radiologic Technologists, as well as national organizations that deal with medical imaging. No opposition was registered regarding any of the three concepts included in HB 2267.

MINIMAL FISCAL IMPACT: The Board anticipates no additional revenue from HB 2267 in the 2017-19 biennium. The administrative duties related to implementation of the provisions of this legislation can be handled within existing resources. Fiscal impact is minimal.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY: HB 2267 passed the House 57-0 on Feb. 8, 2017.

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