

I strongly oppose the amendment proposed to SB1549 sponsored. Allowing Advanced Nurse Practitioners to supervise or perform imaging studies would be a detriment to the care provided to patients. Advanced Nurse Practitioners do not have the education, experience or skills required to perform highly technical procedures like x-ray, fluoroscopy, mammography, computed tomography, nuclear medicine, vascular-interventional or bone densitometry. Only registered radiologic technologists should perform procedures that use ionizing radiation because they are the health care professionals who are specifically educated and certified in providing safe, high quality imaging studies. I encourage the authors of this proposal to consider if they would allow an untrained and undereducated individual to irradiate their bodies or the bodies of their loved ones.

I support Advanced Nurse Practitioners as part of our healthcare team, but this request is dangerously exceeding their roles in caring for patients and puts the public in danger.

Respectfully,
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