

CHAPTER 13**(SB 116)**

AN ACT relating to the Board of Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

➔Section 1. KRS 311B.100 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) The following individuals are required to apply for and receive a license from the Commonwealth of Kentucky before performance of any procedures utilizing radiation for either medical imaging or radiation therapy:
 - (a) Advanced imaging professionals;
 - (b) Medical imaging technologists;
 - (c) Radiographers;
 - (d) Radiation therapists;
 - (e) Nuclear medicine technologists; and
 - (f) Limited X-ray machine operators.
- (2) Qualifications for the above categories shall be established by the board through the promulgation of administrative regulations. The board may also identify other specialties or categories of duties consistent with this chapter through the promulgation of administrative regulations.
- (3) *An applicant for licensure under subsection (1)(a) to (e) of this section who did not graduate from an accredited educational program, is licensed or certified in another jurisdiction with requirements and privileges comparable to Kentucky's, and has:*
 - (a) *Graduated from a postsecondary institution in a course of study focusing on one (1) of the licensing categories listed in subsection (1) of this section;*
 - (b) *Passed a certifying examination from a national organization demonstrating competence in his or her subject matter area;*
 - (c) *An active valid license or certificate and has not been professionally disciplined or reprimanded by any credentialing jurisdiction or national organization; and*
 - (d) *Provided the board with evidence of:*
 1. *At least five (5) years of experience as an advanced imaging professional; and*
 2. *Maintenance of continuing education requirements during his or her period of licensure or certification;*

shall, upon application and payment of an application fee to the board, be granted licensure by the board in his or her category, unless the board can show cause for denial under KRS 311B.150(4).

➔Section 2. Whereas there is a need for the Commonwealth to maintain an adequate supply of qualified healthcare professionals, and for healthcare professionals with demonstrated competency to be able to find employment within Kentucky, an emergency is declared to exist, and this Act takes effect upon its passage and approval by the Governor or upon its otherwise becoming a law.

Signed by Governor March 10, 2017.