



House Professional Licensure Committee

Meeting Agenda

October 6, 2026

Call of the Chair

G-50 Irvis Office Building

Call to Order

Roll call

SENATE BILL 1334 (Culver) – Establishes licensure for medical imaging professionals, radiation therapists, radiologist assistants and trainees in Pennsylvania.

- Amendment A04473 (Mullins) – Removes sonography from the licensing requirements of the legislation.

Any other business

Adjournment

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1334 Session of
2026

INTRODUCED BY CULVER, PISCIOTTANO, TARTAGLIONE, J. WARD,
CAPPELLETTI, COSTA, VOGEL, PICOZZI AND YAW, MAY 20, 2026

SENATOR STEFANO, CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE,
AS AMENDED, JUNE 10, 2026

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of December 20, 1985 (P.L.457, No.112),
2 entitled "An act relating to the right to practice medicine
3 and surgery and the right to practice medically related acts;
4 reestablishing the State Board of Medical Education and
5 Licensure as the State Board of Medicine and providing for
6 its composition, powers and duties; providing for the
7 issuance of licenses and certificates and the suspension and
8 revocation of licenses and certificates; provided penalties;
9 and making repeals," further providing for definitions, for
10 respiratory therapists, for perfusionist, for genetic
11 counselor and for prosthetists, orthotists, pedorthists and
12 orthotic fitters; providing for medical imaging
13 professionals, radiation therapists, radiologist assistants
14 and trainees; further providing for licenses and certificates
15 and general qualification; repealing provisions relating to
16 radiologic procedures and education and training required;
17 and making a repeal.

18 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
19 hereby enacts as follows:

20 Section 1. Section 2 of the act of December 20, 1985
21 (P.L.457, No.112), known as the Medical Practice Act of 1985, is
22 amended by adding definitions to read:

23 Section 2. Definitions.

24 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
25 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the

1 context clearly indicates otherwise:

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3 "Computed tomography." The process of producing sectional or
4 three-dimensional images using external ionizing radiation for
5 diagnostic purposes or for the purpose of providing guidance
6 during medical interventions.

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8 "Diagnostic medical sonography." The use of high-frequency
9 sound waves with specialized equipment to direct the sound waves
10 into an area of the human body to generate an image for
11 diagnostic purposes or for the purpose of providing guidance
12 during medical interventions.

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14 "Fluoroscopy." The process of producing real-time images
15 using external ionizing radiation for diagnostic purposes or for
16 the purpose of providing guidance during medical interventions.

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18 "Ionizing radiation." Radiation that consists of alpha
19 particles, beta particles, gamma rays, x-rays, neutrons, high-
20 speed electrons, high-speed protons or other particles capable
21 of producing ions. The term does not include non-ionizing
22 radiation, including high-frequency sound waves, magnetic
23 fields, microwaves, radiofrequency signals or visible, infrared
24 or ultraviolet light.

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26 "Licensed practitioner." An individual who is a licensed
27 physician, dentist, chiropractor or podiatrist in this
28 Commonwealth.

29 "Limited x-ray machine operations." The performance of
30 radiography limited to chest, extremities, spine, skull and

sinuses or bone densitometry procedures using equipment that emits external ionizing radiation resulting in radiographic images or bone density measurements.

"Magnetic resonance imaging." The process of using a magnetic field and radio frequency waves to produce sectional or three-dimensional images of internal structures of the human body for diagnostic purposes or for the purpose of providing guidance during medical interventions.

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"Medical imaging." A modality used to produce images of the internal structures of the human body for diagnostic purposes or for the purpose of providing guidance during medical interventions through the use of electromagnetic waves, sound waves, radio waves, magnetic fields, ionizing radiation or radioactive materials.

"Medical imaging certification organization." A national organization that specializes in the certification and registration of medical imaging or radiation therapy technical personnel and is accredited by the NCCA, the American National Standards Institute or another accreditation organization recognized by the board.

"Medical imaging professional." An individual, other than a licensed practitioner, who is licensed to perform medical imaging by the board in a modality for which the individual is certified to perform by a medical imaging certification organization.

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"Modality." The type of medical imaging a licensed medical imaging professional is certified to perform, including any of the following:

1 (1) Diagnostic medical sonography.

2 (2) Limited x-ray machine operations.

3 (3) Magnetic resonance imaging.

4 (4) Nuclear medicine technology.

5 (5) Radiography.

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7 "Nuclear medicine technology." Medical imaging that utilizes
8 sealed and unsealed radioactive materials for diagnostic,
9 treatment and research purposes. The term includes any of the
10 following:

11 (1) The procurement, preparation and administration of
12 radiopharmaceuticals, adjunctive and imaging medications.

13 (2) The combination of nuclear medicine instrumentation
14 with computed tomography, magnetic resonance imaging or other
15 modalities to produce a three-dimensional image with or
16 without adjunctive and imaging medications to enhance the
17 evaluation of physiological processes at a molecular level.

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19 "Radiation therapist." An individual, other than a licensed
20 physician, who is licensed to practice radiation therapy by the
21 board.

22 "Radiation therapy." The use of ionizing radiation for
23 treating disease.

24 "Radiography." The process of obtaining an image using
25 external ionizing radiation for diagnostic purposes or for the
26 purpose of providing guidance during medical interventions.

27 "Radiologist." A physician who is licensed in this
28 Commonwealth and is certified by the American Board of
29 Radiology, the American Osteopathic Board of Radiology, the
30 Royal College of Radiology or the Royal College of Physicians

1 and Surgeons of Canada as a radiologist.

2 "Radiologist assistant." An individual, other than a
3 licensed physician, who is licensed to practice advanced
4 diagnostic imaging procedures by the board.

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6 "Trainee." An individual who has met the requirements and
7 the regulations promulgated under this act to hold a temporary
8 license issued by the board as a medical imaging professional,
9 radiation therapist or radiologist assistant.

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11 Section 2. Sections 13.1(a)(3), 13.3(f)(2), 13.4(e)(2) and
12 13.5(a)(1) of the act are amended to read:

13 Section 13.1. Respiratory therapists.

14 (a) Qualifications.--An individual shall be eligible to
15 apply for licensure as a respiratory therapist if that
16 individual satisfies all of the following:

17 * * *

18 (3) Has proved to the satisfaction of the board that the
19 individual is of good moral character and is not unfit or
20 unable to practice as a respiratory therapist by reason of
21 physical or mental impairment. In assessing the moral
22 character of an applicant with a criminal conviction, the
23 board shall conduct an individualized assessment in
24 accordance with 63 Pa.C.S. § 3113 (relating to consideration
25 of criminal convictions).

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27 Section 13.3. Perfusionist.

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29 (f) Qualifications.--An applicant shall be licensed to
30 practice perfusion under this act if the applicant meets all of

1 the following qualifications and has otherwise complied with the
2 provisions of this act:

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4 (2) The person is of good moral character. In assessing
5 the moral character of an applicant with a criminal
6 conviction, the board shall conduct an individualized
7 assessment in accordance with 63 Pa.C.S. § 3113 (relating to
8 consideration of criminal convictions).

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10 Section 13.4. Genetic counselor.

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12 (e) Qualifications.--An applicant shall be licensed to
13 practice genetic counseling under this act if the applicant
14 meets all of the following qualifications and has otherwise
15 complied with the provisions of this act:

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17 (2) The person is of good moral character. In assessing
18 the moral character of an applicant with a criminal
19 conviction, the board shall conduct an individualized
20 assessment in accordance with 63 Pa.C.S. § 3113 (relating to
21 consideration of criminal convictions).

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23 Section 13.5. Prosthetists, orthotists, pedorthists and
24 orthotic fitters.

25 (a) Licensure qualifications.--To qualify for licensure to
26 practice prosthetics, orthotics, pedorthics or orthotic fitting,
27 an applicant shall:

28 (1) Be of good moral character. In assessing the moral
29 character of an applicant with a criminal conviction, the
30 board shall conduct an individualized assessment in

1 accordance with 63 Pa.C.S. § 3113 (relating to consideration
2 of criminal convictions).

3 * * *

4 Section 3. The act is amended by adding a section to read:
5 Section 13.7. Medical imaging professionals, radiation
6 therapists, radiologist assistants and trainees.

7 (a) License required.--Beginning two years after the
8 effective date of this subsection, it shall be unlawful for an
9 individual who is not licensed under this section to perform or
10 offer to perform medical imaging, radiation therapy or
11 radiography procedures on a human body for diagnostic purposes
12 or for the purpose of providing guidance during medical
13 interventions or practice as a medical imaging professional,
14 radiation therapist or radiologist assistant.

15 (b) Medical imaging professional license.--The board shall
16 issue a license as a medical imaging professional to an
17 applicant who meets all of the following requirements:

18 (1) Is at least 18 years of age.

19 (2) Submits an application and the required fee as
20 established by the board by regulation.

21 (3) Is of good moral character. In assessing the moral
22 character of an applicant with a criminal conviction, the
23 board shall conduct an individualized assessment in
24 accordance with 63 Pa.C.S. § 3113 (relating to consideration
25 of criminal convictions).

26 (4) Has a high school diploma or its equivalent.

27 (5) Satisfactorily completes a course of study in
28 diagnostic medical sonography, magnetic resonance imaging,
29 nuclear medicine technology or radiography or an equivalent
30 course of study determined by the board.

1 (6) Passes an applicable modality or specialization
2 examination administered by a medical imaging certification
3 organization approved by the board.

4 (c) Medical imaging professional scope of practice.--A
5 medical imaging professional shall only perform the functions of
6 the modality in which the medical imaging professional has
7 received education and training, and certification by a medical
8 imaging certification organization.

9 (d) Radiation therapist license.--The board shall issue a
10 license as a radiation therapist to an applicant who meets all
11 of the following requirements:

12 (1) Is at least 18 years of age.

13 (2) Submits an application and the required fee as
14 established by the board by regulation.

15 (3) Is of good moral character. In assessing the moral
16 character of an applicant with a criminal conviction, the
17 board shall conduct an individualized assessment in
18 accordance with 63 Pa.C.S. § 3113.

19 (4) Has a high school diploma or its equivalent.

20 (5) Satisfactorily completes a course of study in
21 radiation therapy or an equivalent course of study determined
22 by the board.

23 (6) Passes an applicable radiation therapy examination
24 administered by a medical imaging certification organization
25 approved by the board.

26 (e) Radiation therapist scope of practice.--A radiation
27 therapist may use ionizing radiation to deliver radiation
28 therapy treatments and perform treatment simulation using a
29 medical imaging modality and shall execute treatment plan
30 procedures and dosimetric calculations as prescribed by a

1 licensed physician.

2 (f) Radiologist assistant license.--The board shall issue a
3 license as a radiologist assistant to an applicant who meets all
4 of the following requirements:

5 (1) Is at least 18 years of age.

6 (2) Submits an application and the required fee as
7 established by the board by regulation.

8 (3) Is of good moral character. In assessing the moral
9 character of an applicant with a criminal conviction, the
10 board shall conduct an individualized assessment in
11 accordance with 63 Pa.C.S. § 3113.

12 (4) Has a high school diploma or its equivalent.

13 (5) Satisfactorily completes a course of study in
14 radiologist assistant or an equivalent course of study
15 determined by the board.

16 (6) Passes an applicable radiologist assistant
17 examination administered by a medical imaging certification
18 organization approved by the board.

19 (7) Holds a current certification in radiography and as
20 a radiologist assistant issued by a medical imaging
21 certification organization approved by the board.

22 (g) Radiologist assistant scope of practice.--

23 (1) A radiologist assistant may perform advanced
24 diagnostic imaging procedures under the supervision of a
25 supervising radiologist. The procedures under this subsection
26 shall include, but are not limited to, any of the following:

27 (i) Enteral and parenteral procedures.

28 (ii) Injection of diagnostic agents and physician-
29 prescribed medications.

30 (iii) Diagnostic and therapeutic aspirations and

1 localizations.

2 (iv) Radiologist directed invasive procedures.

3 (v) Fluoroscopy procedures.

4 (vi) Entering orders as directed by the supervising
5 radiologist.

6 (vii) Obtaining informed consent as a qualified
7 practitioner under section 504 of the act of March 20,
8 2002 (P.L.154, No.13), known as the Medical Care
9 Availability and Reduction of Error (Mcare) Act.

10 (2) A radiologist assistant may not interpret medical
11 imaging, render diagnoses or prescribe medication or
12 therapies.

13 (3) A radiologist assistant and the supervising
14 radiologist shall establish written clinical protocols in
15 accordance with the following:

16 (i) The clinical protocols shall identify the
17 supervising radiologist and be signed by the supervising
18 radiologist.

19 (ii) The clinical protocols shall describe the
20 radiologist assistant's scope of practice.

21 (iii) The clinical protocols shall describe the
22 nature and degree of supervision that the supervising
23 radiologist will provide the radiologist assistant.

24 (iv) The supervising radiologist, the radiologist
25 assistant or a delegate of the supervising radiologist
26 and the radiologist assistant shall prepare and submit
27 the clinical protocols to the board.

28 (4) The clinical protocols under paragraph (3) shall
29 take effect upon submission to the board by a supervising
30 radiologist, a radiologist assistant or a delegate of the

1 supervising radiologist and the radiologist assistant.

2 (5) It shall not be a defense in an administrative or
3 civil action that a radiologist assistant acted outside the
4 scope of the clinical protocols submitted to the board under
5 paragraph (3) or that a supervising radiologist utilized the
6 radiologist assistant outside the scope of the clinical
7 protocols due to the supervising radiologist or radiologist
8 assistant authorizing another individual to represent to the
9 board that the description of the radiologist assistant's
10 scope of practice had been approved by the supervising
11 radiologist or radiologist assistant.

12 (6) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to
13 require the clinical protocols under paragraph (3) to be
14 approved by the board.

15 (h) Current professionals.--The board shall issue a license
16 under this section to an individual practicing as a medical
17 imaging professional, radiation therapist or radiologist
18 assistant if the individual meets all of the following
19 requirements within two years of the effective date of this
20 subsection:

21 (1) Is at least 18 years of age.

22 (2) Submits an application and the required fee as
23 established by the board by regulation.

24 (3) Is of good moral character. In assessing the moral
25 character of an individual with a criminal conviction, the
26 board shall conduct an individualized assessment in
27 accordance with 63 Pa.C.S. § 3113.

28 (4) Holds a current license or certification as a
29 medical imaging professional, radiation therapist or
30 radiologist assistant issued by a medical imaging

certification organization approved by the board.

(i) Use of title.--Beginning two years after the effective date of this subsection, an individual who holds an active license under this section may do any of the following:

(1) Hold oneself out as a licensed medical imaging professional, radiation therapist or radiologist assistant.

(2) Use a title indicating the specific modality for which the individual is licensed under this section.

(3) Use any words, symbols or abbreviations indicating the specific modality for which the individual is licensed under this section.

(j) Temporary licensure for trainees.--

(1) Upon the submission of a board-approved written application and fee, the board may issue a temporary license to practice as a medical imaging professional trainee, radiation therapist trainee or a radiologist assistant trainee to an applicant who is a student or graduate of an approved institution of higher learning.

(2) A trainee shall be responsible to and under the direct and immediate personal supervision of a supervising radiologist.

(3) The board shall only issue one temporary license to an applicant under this subsection and the temporary license shall expire one year after the date of issuance or upon the trainee obtaining a license as a medical imaging professional, radiation therapist or radiologist assistant.

(4) The following apply:

(i) The board shall promulgate temporary regulations for the purpose of temporary licensure under this subsection, which shall expire no later than two years

1 following the publication of the temporary regulations.

2 The regulations shall not be subject to:

3 (A) Section 612 of the act of April 9, 1929
4 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code
5 of 1929.

6 (B) Sections 201, 202, 203, 204 and 205 of the
7 act of July 31, 1968 (P.L.769, No.240), referred to
8 as the Commonwealth Documents Law.

9 (C) Sections 204(b) and 301(10) of the act of
10 October 15, 1980 (P.L.950, No.164), known as the
11 Commonwealth Attorneys Act.

12 (D) The act of June 25, 1982 (P.L.633, No.181),
13 known as the Regulatory Review Act.

14 (ii) The authority of the board to adopt temporary
15 regulations under subparagraph (i) shall expire six
16 months after the effective date of this subparagraph.
17 Regulations adopted after this period shall be
18 promulgated as provided by law.

19 (k) Exemptions.--The licensure requirements under this
20 section shall not apply to any of the following:

21 (1) An individual licensed in this Commonwealth whose
22 scope of practice includes performing medical imaging,
23 radiation therapy or radiography.

24 ~~(2) A physician assistant licensed under this act or the~~<--
25 ~~act of October 5, 1978 (P.L.1109, No.261), known as the~~
26 ~~Osteopathic Medical Practice Act, or a certified registered~~
27 ~~nurse practitioner licensed under the act of May 22, 1951~~
28 ~~(P.L.317, No.69), known as The Professional Nursing Law,~~
29 ~~who:~~

30 ~~(i) performs fluoroscopy and has completed training~~

~~acceptable to the board;~~

~~(ii) is working under the supervision of a licensed physician who interprets diagnostic medical imaging studies, performs medical imaging guided procedures or provides radiation therapy;~~

~~(iii) provides a direct report to the supervising physician of each fluoroscopy procedure performed; and~~

~~(iv) has met the requirements under 25 Pa. Code § 221.16 (relating to training, competency and continuing education) or 49 Pa. Code Ch. 18 Subch. E (relating to performance of radiologic procedures by auxiliary personnel).~~

(2) A PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT CURRENTLY LICENSED UNDER SECTIONS 13 AND 36 OF THIS ACT OR SECTION 10 OF THE ACT OF OCTOBER 5, 1978 (P.L.1109, NO.261), KNOWN AS THE OSTEOPATHIC MEDICAL PRACTICE ACT, OR A CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE PRACTITIONER OR CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETIST PRACTICING PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 8.2 OR 8.9 OF THE ACT OF MAY 22, 1951 (P.L.317, NO.69), KNOWN AS THE PROFESSIONAL NURSING LAW.

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(3) Auxiliary personnel under the supervision of a licensed chiropractor who is permitted to perform x-rays under the act of December 16, 1986 (P.L.1646, No.188), known as the Chiropractic Practice Act.

(4) Auxiliary personnel under the supervision of a licensed dentist who is authorized to perform x-rays under section 11.4 of the act of May 1, 1933 (P.L.216, No.76), known as The Dental Law.

(5) Auxiliary personnel under the supervision of a doctor of podiatric medicine who is permitted to perform x-

1 rays under section 21.2 of the act of March 2, 1956 (1955
2 P.L.1206, No.375), known as the Podiatry Practice Act.

3 (6) An individual performing sonography procedures
4 within the individual's scope of practice that is used to
5 assess information about a patient's immediate condition, is
6 limited to a focused imaging target and does not generate a
7 recorded diagnostic medical image, including an assessment of
8 any of the following:

9 (i) Fetal presentation or heartbeat.

10 (ii) Fluid in a body cavity.

11 (iii) Foreign body position or location.

12 (iv) Fetal monitoring during active labor.

13 (v) An anatomical landmark or blood vessel for
14 vascular access or administration of anesthesia.

15 (7) A physician in graduate medical training or a
16 student enrolled in and attending a school or college of
17 medicine, dentistry, chiropractic, podiatry, medical imaging
18 or radiation therapy who performs medical imaging or
19 radiation therapy procedures on a human body while under the
20 supervision of a licensed practitioner or the supervision of
21 an individual holding a license under this section in the
22 supervised modality.

23 (8) A student enrolled in a medical imaging educational
24 program recognized by the board who is employed by a medical
25 facility affiliated with the program to perform authorized
26 medical imaging procedures for which the student has a
27 demonstrated competency if the medical imaging procedures are
28 performed under the supervision of a licensed practitioner or
29 the supervision of an individual holding a license under this
30 section in the supervised modality.

1 (9) An individual employed by the Federal Government to
2 provide medical imaging or radiation therapy services while
3 discharging the individual's official duties.

4 (10) An individual performing medical imaging or
5 radiation therapy procedures on nonhuman subjects or
6 cadavers.

7 (l) Authorizations and restrictions.--

8 (1) A licensee under this section may use radioactive
9 substances or equipment emitting ionizing radiation, high-
10 frequency sound waves or magnetic resonance and perform
11 medical imaging and radiation therapy procedures on a human
12 body for diagnostic purposes or for the purpose of providing
13 guidance during medical interventions only:

14 (i) with a valid prescription of an individual
15 authorized by the Commonwealth to prescribe medical
16 imaging and radiation therapy procedures;

17 (ii) under the supervision of a licensed
18 practitioner; and

19 (iii) within the scope of the license as specified
20 under this section and the regulations promulgated by the
21 board and in a modality for which the licensee has
22 received education and training.

23 (2) A licensee under this section may not make a
24 diagnostic interpretation of an image, make a diagnosis or
25 prescribe a medication or therapy.

26 (m) License renewal.--A license under this section shall be
27 subject to biennial renewal. For license renewal, a licensee
28 shall submit all of the following to the board:

29 (1) An application and the required fee as established
30 by the board by regulation.

1 (2) Proof of continuing education as determined by the
2 board by regulation.

3 (3) Proof of holding a current certification issued by a
4 medical imaging certification organization approved by the
5 board.

6 (n) Professional liability.--

7 (1) A licensee under this section practicing in this
8 Commonwealth shall maintain a level of professional liability
9 insurance coverage in the minimum amount of \$1,000,000 per
10 occurrence or claims made. Failure to maintain insurance
11 coverage as required shall subject the licensee to
12 disciplinary proceedings. The board shall accept from the
13 licensee as satisfactory evidence of insurance coverage any
14 of the following:

15 (i) Self-insurance.

16 (ii) Personally purchased liability insurance.

17 (iii) Professional liability insurance coverage
18 provided by the licensee's employer or similar insurance
19 coverage acceptable to the board.

20 (2) An applicant for a license under this section shall
21 provide proof that the applicant has obtained professional
22 liability insurance in accordance with paragraph (1). It is
23 sufficient if the applicant files with the application a copy
24 of a letter from the applicant's professional liability
25 insurance carrier indicating that the applicant will be
26 covered against professional liability in the required
27 amounts effective upon the issuance of the applicant's
28 license to practice in this Commonwealth under this section.
29 Upon issuance of the license, the licensee has 30 days to
30 submit to the board the certificate of insurance or a copy of

1 the policy declaration page.

2 Section 4. Section 22(b) introductory paragraph of the act
3 is amended to read:

4 Section 22. Licenses and certificates; general qualification.

5 * * *

6 (b) Qualifications.--The board shall not issue a license or
7 certificate to an applicant unless the applicant establishes
8 with evidence, verified by an affidavit or affirmation of the
9 applicant, that the applicant is of legal age, is of good moral
10 character and is not addicted to the intemperate use of alcohol
11 or the habitual use of narcotics or other habit-forming drugs
12 and that the applicant has completed the educational
13 requirements prescribed by the board and otherwise satisfies the
14 qualifications for the license or certificate contained in or
15 authorized by this act. In assessing the moral character of an
16 applicant with a criminal conviction, the board shall conduct an
17 individualized assessment in accordance with 63 Pa.C.S. § 3113
18 (relating to consideration of criminal convictions). The board
19 shall not issue a license or certificate to an applicant who has
20 been convicted of a felony under the act of April 14, 1972
21 (P.L.233, No.64), known as The Controlled Substance, Drug,
22 Device and Cosmetic Act, or of an offense under the laws of
23 another jurisdiction which, if committed in this Commonwealth,
24 would be a felony under The Controlled Substance, Drug, Device
25 and Cosmetic Act, unless:

26 * * *

27 Section 5. Section 45 of the act is repealed:

28 [Section 45. Radiologic procedures; education and training
29 required.]

30 (a) Supervision.--On and after January 1, 1988, no auxiliary

1 personnel shall perform radiologic procedures on the premises of
2 a medical doctor unless such person is under the direct
3 supervision of a medical doctor and unless such person has
4 passed an examination approved by the board and administered in
5 accordance with section 812.1 of the act of April 9, 1929
6 (P.L.177, No.175), known as The Administrative Code of 1929,
7 provided that no such auxiliary personnel shall perform
8 radiologic procedures for therapeutic purposes unless the
9 medical doctor under whose direct supervision such auxiliary
10 personnel is acting is on the premises at the time the
11 radiologic procedures are performed.

12 (b) Exclusion.--The board shall have the authority, after
13 notice and hearing, to prohibit an auxiliary personnel from
14 performing radiologic procedures if the continued performance of
15 radiologic procedures by the auxiliary personnel is determined
16 by the board to pose a threat to the health, safety or welfare
17 of the public.

18 (c) Penalty.--It shall be unlawful under this act to
19 knowingly permit radiologic procedures to be performed in
20 violation of this section or in violation of the regulations
21 promulgated or orders issued in accordance with this section.

22 (d) Education and testing.--No auxiliary personnel who has
23 or obtains a license, certificate or registration issued by, or
24 on behalf of, a board within the Bureau of Professional and
25 Occupational Affairs or a comparable board of another state, or
26 who has obtained certification as the result of satisfactory
27 completion of a test and an educational course accredited by an
28 accrediting body recognized by the board, shall be required to
29 undergo any additional education or testing pursuant to this
30 section if radiologic procedures were included in the education

1 or the examination which he or she was required to complete
2 successfully in order to be eligible for such license,
3 certificate, registration or certification.

4 (e) Definition.--As used in this section, the term
5 "radiologic procedures" means the use of ionizing radiation for
6 diagnostic or therapeutic purposes.]

7 Section 6. Repeals are as follows:

8 (1) The General Assembly declares that the repeal under
9 paragraph (2) is necessary to effectuate the addition of
10 section 13.7 of the act.

11 (2) Section 16.4 of the act of October 5, 1978
12 (P.L.1109, No.261), known as the Osteopathic Medical Practice
13 Act, is repealed.

14 Section 7. The State Board of Medicine shall promulgate
15 final regulations necessary to implement the addition of section
16 13.7 of the act within 24 months of the effective date of this
17 section.

18 Section 8. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE BILL ANALYSIS

Bill No:	SB1334 PN1811	Prepared By:	Kari Orchard
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Date:	9/9/2026		

A. Brief Concept

Establishes licensure for medical imaging professionals, radiation therapists, radiologist assistants and trainees in Pennsylvania.

C. Analysis of the Bill

Senate Bill 1334 amends **the Medical Practice Act** (Act 112 of 1985) to define medical imaging techniques; establish requirements and scope of practice for licensing medical imaging professionals, radiation therapists, radiologist assistants and trainees; and updates language throughout the act relative to "good moral character" requirements. The State Board of Medicine would issue the licenses created in this bill.

Key Definitions

"Licensed practitioner." An individual who is a licensed physician, dentist, chiropractor or podiatrist in this Commonwealth.

"Medical imaging." A modality used to produce images of the internal structures of the human body for diagnostic purposes or for the purpose of providing guidance during medical interventions through the use of electromagnetic waves, sound waves, radio waves, magnetic fields, ionizing radiation or radioactive materials.

"Medical imaging certification organization." A national organization that specializes in the certification and registration of medical imaging or radiation therapy technical personnel and is accredited by the NCCA, the American National Standards Institute or another accreditation organization recognized by the board.

"Medical imaging professional." An individual, other than a licensed practitioner, who is licensed to perform medical imaging by the board in a modality for which the individual is certified to perform by a medical imaging certification organization.

"Modality." The type of medical imaging a licensed medical imaging professional is certified to perform, including any of the following:

- (1) Diagnostic medical sonography.
- (2) Limited x-ray machine operations.
- (3) Magnetic resonance imaging.
- (4) Nuclear medicine technology.
- (5) Radiography.

"Radiation therapist." An individual, other than a licensed physician, who is licensed to practice radiation therapy by the board.

"Radiologist." A physician who is licensed in this Commonwealth and is certified by the American Board of Radiology, the American Osteopathic Board of Radiology, the Royal College

of Radiology or the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada as a radiologist.

"Radiologist assistant." An individual, other than a licensed physician, who is licensed to practice advanced diagnostic imaging procedures by the board.

"Trainee." An individual who has met the requirements and the regulations promulgated under this act to hold a temporary license issued by the board as a medical imaging professional, radiation therapist or radiologist assistant.

Licensing medical imaging professionals, radiation therapists, radiologist assistants and trainees

Beginning two years after the bill takes effect, an individual must hold a license to perform or offer to perform medical imaging, radiation therapy or radiography procedures on a human for diagnostic purposes, to provide guidance during medical interventions, or to practice as a medical imaging professional, radiation therapist or radiologist assistant.

Medical imaging professional requirements:

- Is at least 18 years old
- Applies to the board and pays required fees
- Is of good moral character
- Holds a high school diploma or equivalent
- Completes a course of study in diagnostic medical sonography, magnetic resonance imaging, nuclear medicine technology, radiography or an equivalent course of study determined by the board
- Passes an applicable modality or specialization exam administered by an organization approved by the board

Medical imaging professionals shall only perform the functions of the modality in which they are trained and certified.

Radiation therapist requirements:

- Is at least 18 years old
- Applies to the board and pays required fees
- Is of good moral character
- Holds a high school diploma or equivalent
- Completes a course of study in radiation therapy or an equivalent course of study determined by the board.
- Passes a radiation therapy exam administered by an organization approved by the board.

A radiation therapist may use ionizing radiation to deliver treatments and simulation using a medical imaging modality and shall execute the treatment plan procedures and dosimetric calculations as prescribed by a licensed physician.

Radiologist assistant requirements:

- Is at least 18 years old
- Applies to the board and pays required fees
- Is of good moral character
- Holds a high school diploma or equivalent
- Completes a course of study in radiologist assistant or an equivalent course of study determined by the board.
- Passes a radiologist assistant exam administered by an organization approved by the board.
- Holds current certification in radiography and as an radiologist assistant issued by an organization approved by the board.

A radiologist assistant may perform advanced diagnostic imaging procedures under the supervision of a supervising radiologist.

Approved procedures shall include, but are not limited to:

1. Enteral and parenteral procedures
2. Injection of diagnostic agents and physician-prescribed medications.
3. Diagnostic and therapeutic aspirations and localizations.
4. Radiologist directed invasive procedures.
5. Fluoroscopy procedures.
6. Entering orders as directed by the supervising radiologist.

A radiologist assistant and the supervising radiologist must establish written clinical protocols that identify the supervising radiologist and is signed by that person. The protocols must describe the assistant's scope of practice, and the nature and degree of supervision the radiologist will provide. The clinical protocols must be submitted to the board and they take effect upon submission.

Title Protection

An individual who holds an active license may use the title licensed medical imaging professional, radiation therapist or radiologist assistant. They may use a title indicating a specific modality for which they are licensed and may use any words, symbols or abbreviations indicating the same.

Current Professionals

The board shall issue a license to an individual practicing as a medical imaging professional, radiation therapist or radiologist assistant if the individual meets all of the following requirements within two years:

- Is at least 18 years old
- Applies to the board and pays required fees
- Is of good moral character
- Holds a current license or certification as a medical imaging professional, radiation therapist or radiologist assistant issued by a medical imaging certification organization approved by the board.

Temporary License for Trainees

The board may issue a temporary license to practice as a medical imaging professional trainee, radiation therapist trainee or a radiologist assistant trainee to an applicant who is a student or graduate of an approved institution of higher learning. A trainee is eligible for one temporary license that is valid for up to one year or until they obtain a full license, whichever comes first.

The board shall promulgate temporary regulations to effectuate this section. Temporary regulations expire no later than two years from the date of publication, and the power to promulgate temporary regulations expires six months after the effective date of this section.

Exemptions from licensure

The following individuals are exempt from licensure under this bill:

- An individual licensed in this Commonwealth whose scope of practice includes performing medical imaging, radiation therapy or radiography.
- A licensed Physician Assistant, Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner or Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist.
- Auxiliary personnel under the supervision of a licensed chiropractor authorized to perform x-rays
- Auxiliary personnel under the supervision of a licensed dentist authorized to perform x-rays

- Auxiliary personnel under the supervision of a doctor of podiatric medicine authorized to perform x-rays
- An individual performing sonography procedures within their scope of practice to assess a patient's immediate condition
- A physician in graduate medical training or a student attending a school/college of medicine, dentistry, chiropractic, podiatry, medical imaging or radiation therapy who performs medical imaging or radiation therapy procedures on a human body while under the supervision of a licensed practitioner or the supervision of an individual holding a license under this section in the supervised modality.
- A student enrolled in a medical imaging educational program who is employed by an affiliated facility and under supervision
- A federal government employee who provides medical imaging or radiation therapy services in the discharge of their official duties
- An individual performing medical imaging or radiation therapy on nonhuman subjects or cadavers.

Authorizations and Restrictions

Licensees under the bill may use radioactive substances/equipment, high-frequency sound waves or magnetic resonance on humans for diagnostic purposes or for providing guidance during medical interventions only with a valid prescription, under supervision of a licensed practitioner and within the scope of the license as specified.

Licensees may not make a diagnostic interpretation of an image, make a diagnosis or prescribe medication or therapy.

Licensees must renew their license every two years and include proof of continuing education as determine by board regulation and proof of current certification by the approved certification organization. A licensee must maintain a minimum professional liability insurance coverage of \$1 million per occurrence or claim made.

Repeals

HB 2173 repeals Section 45 (Radiologic procedures; education and training required.) from the Medical Practice Act and other repeals from related statutes.

Effective Date:

The act shall take effect in 60 days. The State Board of Medicine shall promulgate final regulations within 24 months.

G. Relevant Existing Laws

Section 45 of the Medical Practice Act requires supervision of auxiliary personnel by a physician for radiologic procedures. The same language is also found in §16.4 of the act of October 5, 1978 (P.L. 1109, No. 261), known as the Osteopathic Medical Practice Act and §21.2 of the act of March 2, 1955 (P.L.1206, No.375), known as the Podiatry Practice Act.

Section 3113 of Title 63 (Professions and Occupations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes prohibits BPOA's licensing boards and commissions from denying licensure, certification, registration, or permit based on considerations of "good moral character," "crimes and moral turpitude," or "ethical or honest practice." Instead, the act requires boards and commissions to determine an individual's qualification in accordance with procedures under the act including a two-stage analysis of criminal convictions and an individualized assessment.

E. Prior Session (Previous Bill Numbers & House/Senate Votes).

Similar legislation was previously introduced in the 2023-24 Legislative Session as SB 1281 (Culver) and passed the Senate Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee 13-1.

In the 2021-22 Legislative Session, similar language was introduced as HB 1440 (Millard). It passed the House 132-67 on Feb. 9, 2022.

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AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 1334

Sponsor: Mullins

Printer's No. 1811

1 Amend Bill, page 2, lines 8 through 13, by striking out all
2 of said lines

3 Amend Bill, page 2, line 22, by striking out "high-frequency
4 sound waves,"

5 Amend Bill, page 3, lines 13 and 14, by striking out "sound
6 waves,"

7 Amend Bill, page 4, lines 1 and 2, by striking out all of
8 line 1 and "(2)" in line 2 and inserting
9 (1)

10 Amend Bill, page 4, line 3, by striking out "(3)" and
11 inserting
12 (2)

13 Amend Bill, page 4, line 4, by striking out "(4)" and
14 inserting
15 (3)

16 Amend Bill, page 4, line 5, by striking out "(5)" and
17 inserting
18 (4)

19 Amend Bill, page 7, line 28, by striking out "diagnostic
20 medical sonography,"

21 Amend Bill, page 15, lines 3 through 15, by striking out all
22 of lines 3 through 14 and "(7)" in line 15 and inserting

1 (6)

2 Amend Bill, page 15, line 23, by striking out "(8)" and
3 inserting

4 (7)

5 Amend Bill, page 16, line 1, by striking out "(9)" and
6 inserting

7 (8)

8 Amend Bill, page 16, line 4, by striking out "(10)" and
9 inserting

10 (9)

11 Amend Bill, page 16, lines 9 and 10, by striking out ", high-
12 frequency sound waves"

13 Amend Bill, page 17, line 19, by inserting after "board."

14 Nothing in this subparagraph shall be construed to
15 prevent the licensee's employer from providing
16 professional liability or similar insurance coverage as
17 part of an umbrella policy obtained by the licensee's
18 employer.