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Re: H.F. 1324 "Board of Nursing certified midwife licensure"

Dear Chair Liebling and Representative Agbaje

The American Society of Radiologic Technologists represents nearly 157,000 medical imaging technologists and radiation therapists across the nation, including 4,228 medical imaging professionals in Minnesota. Our main mission as an organization is to advocate for patient safety by ensuring that only technologists who are educationally prepared and clinically competent are performing diagnostic procedures involving ionizing and nonionizing radiation.

With that mission in mind, I am writing to encourage the following amendment to H.F. 1324.

Recommendation: For section Sec. 5. 148.03 Definitions Subd. 5 (2) to read as:
(2) ordering, performing, supervising, and interpreting diagnostic studies within the scope of certified midwifery practice, excluding **performing, supervising and** interpreting **medical imaging studies**;

Reasoning: This amendment to the current legislative text will maintain the defined scope of certified midwives without allowing certified midwives to perform, supervise, or interpret medical imaging procedures they are not adequately educated and clinically competent to perform, supervise, or interpret.

Medical imaging and radiation therapy professionals devote significant time and money to maintain education and professional standards in medical imaging procedures. Midwives, while they may have preliminary education in imaging, are not required to show appropriate competencies to perform or supervise medical imaging and radiation therapy procedures.

ASRT appreciates your commitment to providing patients access to health care services provided by educationally prepared and clinically competent professionals; and looks forward to working with you in the future to achieve this goal. Please feel free to contact me at mcheck@asrt.org or 800-444-2778; Ext 1314 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M Check".

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