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An Act Regarding the Training of Applicants for a Limited Radiographer License by Licensed Practitioners

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JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator TURNER of Cumberland. Cosponsored by Representative: MILLETT of Waterford.

1 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §9855, sub-§4, as repealed and replaced by PL 2005, c. 511,
§6, is amended to read:

4 4. Limited radiographer license. For those applicants wishing to be licensed only 5 for the limited purpose of using ionizing radiation for imaging purposes in the office of a 6 licensed practitioner or for physician assistants practicing under section 3270-A or nurses 7 practicing under section 2102, subsection 2, paragraph C in a clinic not required to be licensed under Title 22, chapter 405, the board shall grant a limited license and shall, in 8 9 approving a course of study, training and examination for these applicants, consider the limited scope of practice of the various disciplines. Those aspects of study, training and 10 examination relating to patient safety must be identical to the requirements for a full 11 12 license. An applicant may train in the use of fluoroscopic equipment if the applicant is 13 under the direct supervision of a licensed practitioner. The licensed practitioner using 14 fluoroscopy, in order to enhance patient safety and clinical quality, may use a small 15 amount of fluorocarbon contrast media in accordance with accepted clinical guidelines and standards of care. 16

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SUMMARY

18 This bill amends the section of law governing medical radiation health and safety as 19 they relate to the award of a limited radiographer license by the Radiologic Technology 20 Board of Examiners to provide that an applicant may train in the use of fluoroscopic 21 equipment if the applicant is under the direct supervision of a licensed practitioner.