

The MSRT represents, and serves as the official voice of radiologic technologists, to all public and professional groups within the Commonwealth on matters concerning the profession in general and in particular, the practice of radiologic technology.

## **Proposed Massachusetts Legislation 2018**

## **Currently before the Healthcare Financing Committee**

★House Bill 2451 APRN
★Senate Bill 1257 APRN

★House Bill 2452 CRNA
★Senate Bill 1207CRNA

**★**House Bill 3829 Affordable Healthcare Options

**★S2202** "An Act furthering health empowerment and affordability by leveraging transformative health care" **passed in the senate** 

Language in all of these wills will allow for independent practice of APRNs, including, but not limited to, the ordering and interpreting of tests, the ordering and evaluation of treatment and therapeutics without physician supervision. They would also allow the Board of Registration in Nursing to promulgate regulations without consultation with other entities.

A new healthcare reform bill is expected to be introduced soon in the House at the end of April.

## MSRT Position Statement on Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Performance of Medical Imaging

The Massachusetts Society of Radiologic Technologists, on behalf of more than 8,000 medical imaging and radiation therapy professionals in the Commonwealth, opposes the expansion of the scope of practice for advanced practice registered nurses to include "performance" or "administration" of medical imaging "tests" or "examinations" without evidence of:

- Completion of specialized education in the management of ionizing radiation
- Radiologic technologist or radiologist- supervised clinical training in medical imaging procedures
- Quantifiable competency assessment through examination
- Only registered and licensed radiologic technologists should perform procedures that use ionizing radiation and only experienced board certified physicians should interpret medical images

