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Testimony for the Joint Committee on Public Health
On Behalf of the Massachusetts Society of Radiologic Technologists (MSRT)
Testimony in opposition to: H.2371 and S.1502
July 14, 2025

Dear Chair Decker and Chair Driscoll,

The MSRT is a professional membership organization that serves as the voice for more than eight thousand licensed radiologic technologists and radiation therapists in Massachusetts. We are a state affiliate of the American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT) with a membership of more than 150,000 technologists nationwide.

The MSRT identifies significant concern with H.2371 and S.1502 as it relates to the proposed expansion of the scope of practice of physician assistants. We recognize the value of physician assistants in providing primary care services to patients. However, we believe this care should continue to be under the supervision of a licensed physician. The education and clinical experience of physician assistants is simply not equal to that of a physician.

One aspect of this bill would allow physician assistants to order and interpret diagnostic tests. The interpretation of diagnostic tests, particularly medical imaging procedures, is a complicated process and it is essential that this interpretation be performed by radiologists who have the in-depth knowledge and skill related to these medical procedures. We believe it is in the patient's best interest that their healthcare is administered under the supervision of a qualified physician. We further recommend that regulations related to physician assistants should continue be made in consultation with the Board of Registration in Medicine and not solely by the Board of Registration of Physician Assistants.

We urge this Committee to report unfavorably on H.2371 and S.1502.

On behalf of the radiologic technologists and radiation therapists of the Commonwealth, thank you for this opportunity to address this legislation.

Respectfully Submitted,
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