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To enact sections 4774.01, 4774.02, 4774.04, 4774.06, 1
4774.08, 4774.10, and 4774.99 of the Revised Code 2
regarding licensure of radiologist assistants. 3

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That sections 4774.01, 4774.02, 4774.04, 4774.06, 4
4774.08, 4774.10, and 4774.99 of the Revised Code be enacted to 5
read as follows: 6

Sec. 4774.01. As used in this chapter: 7

(A) "Radiologist" means an individual holding a current, 8
valid certificate issued under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code 9
authorizing the practice of medicine and surgery or osteopathic 10
medicine and surgery who specializes in the field of radiology. 11

(B) "Radiology" means the branch of medicine that deals with 12
the use of radioactive substances in diagnosis and treatment of 13
disease. 14

Sec. 4774.02. (A) No person shall do any of the following 15
without a valid license issued under this chapter: 16

(1) Except as provided in division (B) of this section, 17

perform the radiologic procedures described in division (A) of 18
section 4774.08 of the Revised Code; 19

(2) Hold the person's self out in any manner as a radiologist 20
assistant, including using any sign, advertisement, card, 21
letterhead, circular, or other writing, document, or design, the 22
evident purpose of which is to induce others to believe the person 23
is authorized to practice as a radiologist assistant. 24

(B) Division (A)(1) of this section does not apply to either 25
of the following: 26

(1) An individual engaging in the scope of practice for which 27
the individual holds a valid license or certificate; 28

(2) An individual performing a task as part of an advanced 29
academic program described in division (C) of section 4774.04 of 30
the Revised Code. 31

Sec. 4774.04. Each person seeking to practice as a 32
radiologist assistant shall apply in writing to the department of 33
health for a license to practice as a radiologist assistant. The 34
application shall be made on a form prescribed by the department 35
and be accompanied by a license fee established in rules adopted 36
under section 4774.10 of the Revised Code. 37

An applicant under this section must provide evidence 38
satisfactory to the department of all of the following: 39

(A) That the applicant is at least eighteen years of age and 40
of good moral character; 41

(B) That the applicant is licensed as a radiographer under 42
Chapter 4773. of the Revised Code; 43

(C) That the applicant has a baccalaureate degree or 44
postbaccalaureate certificate from an advanced academic program 45
that encompasses a nationally recognized radiologist assistant 46
curriculum that includes a radiologist-directed clinical 47

preceptorship; 48

(D) That the applicant is certified in advanced cardiac life support; 49
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(E) That the applicant satisfies any other requirements established by the public health council in rules adopted under section 4774.10 of the Revised Code. 51
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Sec. 4774.06. The department of health shall issue a license to practice as a radiologist assistant to each applicant who meets the qualifications for licensure established in section 4774.04 of the Revised Code and pays the license fee established in rules adopted under section 4774.10 of the Revised Code. 54
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A license issued under this section is valid for the length of time specified in rules adopted under section 4774.10 of the Revised Code. 59
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The department may renew a license issued under this section and impose continuing education requirements in accordance with rules adopted under section 4774.10 of the Revised Code. 62
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Sec. 4774.08. (A) Each person holding a valid license to practice as a radiologist assistant may do the following under the direct supervision of a radiologist: 65
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(1) Perform fluoroscopic procedures; 68

(2) Assess and evaluate the physiologic and psychological responsiveness of patients undergoing radiologic procedures; 69
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(3) Evaluate image quality, make initial image observations, and communicate observations to the supervising radiologist; 71
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(4) Administer contrast media or other medications prescribed by the supervising radiologist; 73
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(5) Perform any other procedures consistent with guidelines 75

adopted by the American college of radiology, the American society
of radiologic technologists, and the American registry of
radiologic technologists. 76
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(B) A person licensed to practice as a radiologist assistant
shall not interpret images, make diagnoses, or prescribe
medications or therapies. 79
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(C) A radiologist supervising a radiologist assistant may
authorize the assistant to perform only those radiologic
procedures described in division (A) of this section and shall be
present at the location where the assistant performs the
radiologic procedures, consult with the assistant, and direct the
assistant's performance of the radiologic procedures. The
radiologist is not required to observe each radiologic procedure
the assistant performs. 82
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Sec. 4774.10. The public health council shall adopt rules in
accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to implement and
administer this chapter. The rules shall be consistent with
guidelines adopted by the American college of radiology, the
American society of radiologic technologists, and the American
registry of radiologic technologists, where applicable, and shall
establish all of the following: 90
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(A) Standards and fees for issuing and renewing licenses
under section 4774.06 of the Revised Code, including the length of
time a license is valid; 97
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(B) Procedures and grounds for denying applications for
licensure; 100
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(C) Procedures and grounds for revoking or suspending
licenses or taking other disciplinary action against a licensee; 102
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(D) Continuing education requirements for persons licensed
under this chapter; 104
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(E) Any other requirements the council considers appropriate 106
to implement this chapter. 107

Sec. 4774.99. Whoever violates section 4774.02 of the Revised 108
Code is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree on a first 109
offense and felony of the fifth degree on each subsequent offense. 110
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