

SDSRT Legislative Committee Report
September 27, 2017

The Legislative Committee Chairperson has been reviewing the Action Plan (see attachment) to identify what the course of action looks like moving forward. This Action Plan has been developed in cooperation with the ASRT, and defines our goals, approach, strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats, and a timeline to follow. The committee encourages SDSRT board members to review this Action Plan to familiarize themselves with the efforts and issues at hand, and welcomes questions and suggestions as we move forward.

At the current time we believe it is in good interest to continue following the approach as outlined in the Action Plan. The SDSRT prefers to continue addressing standards through relationships with the SD Department of Health. This has proven to be effective, referring most recently to successful efforts in identifying radiologic technologists as Licensed Healthcare Professionals within DoH radiation control regulations as they apply to Meaningful Use:

***44:03:01:14.01.** Operator requirements for X-ray equipment. Any person who is certified and registered by the American Registry of Radiological Technologists, by another state, or who has documented 40 hours of orientation and training in the operation of radiation producing equipment by a qualified instructor may operate any radiation producing device. For the purposes of complying with the provisions of electronic health records certification criteria established pursuant to 45 CFR 495.6 a radiologic technologist certified and registered by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists or licensed by another state is considered to be a licensed health care professional. Dental radiographers shall have a minimum of 16 hours of training.*

In January, members of the SDSRT Legislative Committee had meetings with SDAHO (South Dakota Association of Healthcare Organizations), the South Dakota Medical Association, and the local ACR (American College of Radiology) Chapter. This helped lay the groundwork for future conversations with these organizations, and helped introduce them to our concerns as radiologic technologists in a non-licensure state.

At this time, the Legislative Committee recommends the following:

- To continue to work on relationships with other professional organizations and strengthen the lines of communication.
- To follow the Timeline as outlined in the Action Plan.
- To be mindful of the upcoming election year and be educated on the candidates and their positions on healthcare as it applies to our profession.
- To work with those involved in ASRT Advocacy to identify the causes and unify the efforts to be able to speak with consistency and direction.
- To continue the development of the Legislative Committee and identify:
 - o Committee members
 - o Length of term for members and chairperson
 - o Succession plan

The Committee welcomes questions, comments, and continued direction from the SDSRT Chairperson and Board of Directors. In order to successfully achieve our goals, it is imperative that we speak with one voice, stay educated on healthcare issues as they impact our profession, and provide support to one another.

Respectfully,

Kevin Lawrence
SDSRT Legislative Chairperson