



Update on licensing of radiologic technologists and radiation therapists in North Carolina

To begin, we appreciate your patience as we continue to work through the process of gaining licensure for radiologic technologists and radiation therapists here in North Carolina.

The NC legislative session has ended and the licensing bill the NCSRT, Inc. proposed to introduce was not quite ready to cross over from the House of Representatives to the Senate. Prior to the conclusion of the session we had a couple options:

1) We could let the issue die and reconvene in 2 years

Or

2) Go in as a study commission

The NCSRT, Inc. Board of Directors collectively agreed to the study commission based on guidance from our legislators, the ASRT, and members of the Legislative Committee.

Prior to agreeing to the study commission, the bill was required to go before a licensing board committee where the need for such a board was evaluated and established. The committee was made up of 5 house representatives and 5 senators. The committee unanimously voted in agreement for the need of a licensing board for radiologic technologists and radiation therapists.

The next legislative session will reconvene in July and it is our understanding that our bill will be filed as a study commission at this point.

Once filed, we hope to mitigate with podiatrists, chiropractors, and other interested parties while in the study commission.

Furthermore, much headway has been made on the National CARE Bill, HB2104. Any progress on the national bill can only help our efforts here in North Carolina. This bill was introduced by Rep. Whitfield from Kentucky and currently has 34 co-sponsors. There are currently 4 signed on from North Carolina: Rep. Mike McIntyre, Rep. Sue Myrick, Rep. Howard Coble, and Rep. Walter Jones.

While the legislative process is one that no one has complete control over, the NCSRT, Inc. will continue to work toward licensing and will keep you posted on the progress. Most of all we thank you and appreciate your support in our efforts!