

MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE & SAFETY  
MONTANA STATE SENATE

JANUARY 21, 1981

The meeting of the Public Health, Welfare & Safety Committee was called to order by Chairman Tom Hager on Wednesday, January 21, 1981 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 410 of the State Capitol Building.

ROLL CALL: All members were present with the exceptions of Senator Johnson, who was excused, and Senators Berg and Halligan who arrived late. Kathleen Harrington, staff researcher, was also present.

Many visitors were also in attendance. (See attachment)

CONSIDERATION OF SENATE BILL 127: Senator Bill Norman of Senate District 47, sponsor of Senate Bill 127, gave a brief resume of the bill. This bill is an act to clarify the role of the radiologic technologist in Montana. Senator Norman stated that this bill simply provides that students enrolled in the various fields of medicine may apply x-ray radiation to a person under the specific direction of a licensed person. This bill also allows the radiologic technologist to inject contrast media upon the request of a licensed practitioner. This procedure is only for diagnosis not for treatment. The doctor must assume the responsibility for his orders.

Jerome Loendorf of the Montana Medical Association stated that his group supports the bill and encourages its passage.

Doctor J. K. Baughn of the Montana Radiological Society, and himself a radiologist, stated that his group accepts the bill.

With no further proponents to the bill, Senator Hager opened the hearing to any opponents.

Donna Small of the Montana Nurses Association spoke on behalf of her group against the bill. She stated that they have some problems with the language on page 1, line 19, changing direct supervision to specific direction. She asked what exactly is specific direction. The term specific direction can mean a person in the same room, in the same building, in the same town or perhaps even by telephone from another town. Ms. Small felt that only doctors should inject contrast media not even the nurses.

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With no further opponents speaking, Senator Norman closed the hearing. He stated that this bill would prohibit uncertified radiologic technologist or those holding temporary radiologic technologist permit from engaging in injection of contrast media. He asked the committee for a favorable recommendation on Senate Bill 127, as he felt the bill is very necessary.

The meeting was opened to a question and answer period from the committee.

Senator Olson asked if doctors were the only ones who can inject contrast media and must the doctor giving the order be in the department when the injection is made.

Scott Secat of the Legislative Audit asked if perhaps the committee would like to wait to take action on this bill until they have heard Senate Bill 193 and Senate Bill 195, as he felt the three bills were related.

Senator Norman stated that he did not feel that Senate Bill 193 and Senate Bill 195 have anything to do with this bill.

Senator Olson asked if the State Department of Health inspects equipment periodically. He was told that every unit has been certified within the tolerable limit. In 1969, when the Department of Health adopted the rules governing the inspection of equipment, 75% were not passing inspection, and in 1979 only 4% did not pass inspection.

A motion was made by Senator Norman that Senate Bill 127 be amended on page 2, line 10. Strike: "person" and insert: "licensed practitioner". Motion carried.

A motion was made by Senator Hims1 that Senate Bill 127 be amended on page 2, line 15. Strike: "uncertified"; and insert: "unlicensed". Motion carried.

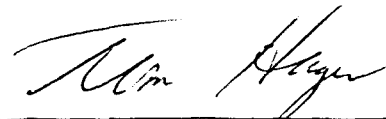
Kathleen Harrington, staff researcher, will review the amendments before passing the bill out of committee.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Action on this bill will not be taken until the next committee meeting on Monday, January 26, 1981.

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ADJOURNMENT: With no further business the meeting was adjourned until next week.

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CHAIRMAN, Senator Tom Hager

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ROLL CALL

PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE & SAFETY COMMITTEE

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NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
Tom Hager	✓		
Matt Hims1	✓		
S. A. Olson	✓		
Jan Johnson			✓
Dr. Bill Norman	✓		
Harry K. Berg	✓	late	
Michael Halligan	✓	late	

Each day attach to minutes.

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COMMITTEE ON \_\_\_\_\_ BILL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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