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Newsletter of the:

American Registry of Magnetic Resonance Imaging Technologists

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H.R. 1426 & S. 2322 are DISASTROUS FOR TECH PRACTICE of MRI OUTSIDE of RADIOLOGY TRAINING

Please go to www.armrit.org and read the proposed legislation, then analyze, and voice strong opposition to H.R. 1426 and S. 2322 for the following reasons:

- 1) No mention of Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) until page 7 of H.R. 1426 and page 9 of S. 2322 where this was conveniently inserted as integral only to radiology.
- 2) This means that MRI is only accessible thru radiology.
- 3) This means that if you did not go thru radiology, you are shut out of the MRI Tech market.
- 4) This means that your position as an MRI Tech is on the line regardless of your experience.
- 5) The Bill is the same as failed Bill H.R. 1011, but is now recycled as H.R. 1426.
- 6) Note that Ultrasound and Echocardiography are conveniently not included in H.R. 1426 in the list of section specialties mentioned, because these disciplines are strong, organized, have their separate qualifying examinations and well supported by their established members-at-large.
- 7) Call, write, or e-mail your Senator / Representatives / congressman / women to protect your turf, your livelihood.

FIRST ANNUAL ARMRIT MEETING at THE WHITE HOUSE in LAS VEGAS !!!

Be sure to save the dates! The first annual meeting of the American Registry of Magnetic Resonance Imaging Technologists is scheduled for **August 25 thru 27, 2006**.

That's right, come to Las Vegas and visit The White House at the same time. The White House Las Vegas is owned and operated by the American Payroll Association (APA) as a training and multimedia center. For a virtual tour visit: www.thewhitehouselasvegas.com

The meeting will consist of a members' reception on Friday evening, August 25th and CME Lectures on Saturday and Sunday August 26th and 27th with plenty of time to enjoy all that Las Vegas has to offer.

A meeting Registration Form is enclosed. Book early and save!

OHIO DEPARTMENT of HEALTH RECOGNIZES ARMRIT

As per my conversation with Mr. James Castle, Health Physics Supervisor, Radiologic Technology Section, Ohio Department of Health on January 13th and again on January 27th 2006, the ARMRIT has been included as a recognized certification body for MRI in the state of Ohio. The call came almost a year to the date of a letter on January 28, 2005 confirming the receipt of the ARMRIT documentation.

Mr. Castle said he would send a letter of confirmation stating the effective date and changes to Rule 3701-83-52(D)(4) on the state's documentation and webpage around the second week of March 2006.

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This process was prompted by a member who alerted the Registry of the exclusionary rule and who to contact. One roadblock to many state government organizations is finding out who is responsible for reviewing documentation.

Jim Coffin, President
Bellerose, NY

ACCREDITATION APPLICATION UPDATE

It is my pleasure to once again have the opportunity to communicate with the ARMRIT membership about the progress of the efforts to achieve accreditation. The last time I wrote to you, I reported on the new practice analysis. You will recall that in performing the practice analysis, sometimes referred to as a job or task analysis, ARMRIT successfully redefined its certification examination in terms of knowledge and skills specifically linked to safe and effective practice "on the job". This is a requirement for achieving national accreditation.

After the completion of the practice analysis, ARMRIT undertook a project to expand the pool of questions from which examinations are developed. A group of subject-matter experts (SMEs) met in New York City last October to review the contents of the existing item pool and review new questions. After the SMEs completed their tasks, ARMRIT put out a call to members for the writing of additional questions to fill in the gaps in the question pool. ARMRIT is currently in the midst of processing these new questions.

Once the work on the question pool has been completed, ARMRIT will turn its attention to the development of a new "practice-based" examination. With the

completion of this final project, the organization will be in a position to submit its application for accreditation to the National Commission for Certifying Agencies, an arm of the National Organization for Competency Assurance.
Dr. Gerald Rosen, Consulting Psychologist
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MEMBERS ON-LINE at www.armrit.org

All Registry Active members are required to post their resume (CV) on the ARMRIT Webpage at www.armrit.org:

- 1) Click on '**Registry Members**' at the bottom of the homepage.
- 2) Scroll down to the bottom of the list and click on: '**Click here to post your Resume (CV)**'.
- 3) Enter your Login: use your e-mail address.
- 4) Enter a *password (do not forget your password!)
- 5) Enter all relevant information and click on **Submit**.
- 6) Remember your **Listing Number**.

Your listing tells Credentialing Organizations, Government Agencies, Insurance Companies, and Employers that you are MRI certified, Registry Active and in Good Standing with the ARMRIT. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Jim Coffin, President