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Dear Senators and Representatives,

The Board of Nursing has reviewed HF 3794 and the proposed amendment which provides that individuals who may operate x-ray systems includes *"a qualified practitioner who is licensed by a health licensing board with active practice authority and is working within the practitioner's scope of practice"*. On February 6, 2020 the Board voted to support the bill and amendment based on the following information.

Minnesota Statute § 148.171, subd. 5, 10, 11, 21 provides that advanced practice registered nurses (APRN) may order, supervise, perform and interpret diagnostic tests except for five specified advanced diagnostic imaging exams. Minnesota Statute § 148.171, subd. 13 provides that APRNs must practice within the scope of their role and population in which they hold Minnesota licensure.

Minnesota Statute § 144.121, subd. 5a. is in direct conflict with the above-mentioned statutes because it authorizes only certified registered nurse anesthetists to operate x-ray systems. This has resulted in confusion and misinterpretation by APRNs and employers of APRNs. The proposed amendment will ameliorate the contradiction in statute and provide APRNs authority to operate x-ray equipment within the scope of their role and population.

Thank you for this consideration.

Sincerely,



Michelle Harker
President