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A CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF RADIOLOGY

Statement of the
Radiological Society of Connecticut
before the
Public Health Committee
in Support of HB 5635
February 27, 2009

Sen. Harris, Rep. Ritter and members of the committee:

The Radiological Society of Connecticut is pleased to support House Bill 5635, *An Act Concerning the Administration of Ultrasound Procedures*.

We are troubled by the proliferation of businesses that offer non-medical ultrasound for a fetal portraiture.

Ultrasound is a form of radiation. All forms of medical radiation must be used prudently. RSC's position is that, unless medically indicated (i.e., a prescription from a licensed professional for a clinical indication), examinations using any form of radiation should not be performed. Regardless of who pays, if a licensed professional does a procedure, the reasonable expectations of patients are that this is a medical procedure.

Our parent group, The American College of Radiology supports the FDA position that fetal ultrasound be performed only for medical purposes with a prescription from an appropriately licensed provider. They oppose the use of fetal ultrasound solely for entertainment videos or keepsake images.

We understand Reps. Heinrich, Widlitz and Reed have developed substitute language for the bill that provides procedures can occur if approved by a medical professional. We believe this is a good approach.

Using ultrasound for non-medical purposes is inappropriate. The RSC believe H.B. 5635 is the right way to rectify this issue. Thank you.