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Testimony for the Public Health Committee
in SUPPORT of HB 5537

An Act Concerning The Department of Public Health's
Recommendations Regarding Various Revisions to the
Public Health Statutes

Senator Gerratana and Representative Johnson and
Members of the Public Health Committee:

My name is Donna Fiorentino and I represent the
International Society for Clinical Densitometry (ISCD)
nationally. We review laws and regulations in all 50
states for the Society, which is headquartered in
Connecticut. We have over 5,000 certified physicians
and 3,000 technologists in bone densitometry.

I am writing in support of Section 44 of House Bill 5537.
It clarifies an error made to last year's public health
implementation bill. In 2011, the General Assembly
updated their statute to reflect the appropriate
certification requirements for those technologists
performing bone densitometry using DXA with
agreement by the Department. The law that passed in
2011 recognized both the American Registry of
Radiologic Technologist (ARRT) certification as well as
certification by the International Society for Clinical
Densitometry (ISCD). The ISCD is based in Connecticut,
and is the largest certifying society for bone
densitometry in the country.

Last year's Public Health implementer, HB6644, included licensure requirements for nuclear medicine technologists in Sections 66 to 68. However, Section 68 ALSO removed **all reference to bone densitometry from the statute in error.** The Department has clarified that error in Section 44, and we support that change.

Thank you for your time.

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