

**WSR 24-13-114**  
**PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY**  
**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**  
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Subject of Possible Rule Making: Certification of magnetic resonance imaging technologists. The department of health (department) is considering adding new sections to and updating sections of chapter 246-926 WAC, Radiologic imaging professionals, to implement SHB 2355 (chapter 94, Laws of 2024), which establishes certification of magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) technologists. The department will also consider minor housekeeping edits and/or updates related specifically to establishing and regulating MRI techs.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: SHB 2355 (chapter 94, Laws of 2024) and RCW 18.84.040.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The department will consider creating and amending relevant sections in chapter 246-926 WAC, including updates to WAC 246-926-020, 246-926-095 through 246-926-120, 246-926-135 through 246-926-180, 246-926-420, 246-926-600, and 246-926-990 to establish the new MRI credential.

Rule making is necessary to establish a new credential type under the radiological technologist chapter, including rules on application processes, primary and alternative education and training pathways, national certification examinations, and fees.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: None.

Process for Developing New Rule: Collaborative rule making.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Tommy Simpson III, P.O. Box 47850, Olympia, WA 98504-7850, phone 564-669-8421, TTY 711, email [tommy.simpson@doh.wa.gov](mailto:tommy.simpson@doh.wa.gov), website [doh.wa.gov](http://doh.wa.gov).

Additional comments: Interested parties can participate in the drafting of the proposed rules. The department will be conducting a minimum of two rules workshops with interested parties and subject matter experts. The department will use the GovDelivery radiologic technology list to inform interested parties of opportunities to provide input on proposed rule language.

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