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By Representatives Morris, Padden, Day, Fuhrman, Dorn, Pruitt and Nealey.

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1 AN ACT Relating to chiropractic assistants; and adding a new  
2 section to chapter 18.25 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 18.25 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) A chiropractor may employ a technician to operate x-ray  
7 equipment after submitting satisfactory proof to the board that the  
8 technician has successfully completed a course of instruction, of at  
9 least forty-eight hours, approved by the board.

10 (2) The course of instruction shall include:

11 (a) Physics and equipment;

12 (b) Principles of radiographic exposure;

13 (c) Radiation protection;

14 (d) Anatomy and physiology; and

15 (e) Radiographic positioning and procedures.

1       (3) The course instructor shall have on-campus or postgraduate  
2 faculty status in the field of radiology with a board recognized  
3 chiropractic college.

4       (4) The technician must receive a passing grade on a proficiency  
5 test administered by the board. The board may contract for the  
6 examination to the American chiropractic registry of radiologic  
7 technologists, or other equivalent agency.

8       (5) Technicians who have performed chiropractic radiographic  
9 procedures for two years prior to the effective date of this act may  
10 take the examination without further course work.

11       (6) The board shall accept active registry status with the American  
12 chiropractic registry of radiologic technologists as sufficient proof  
13 of proficiency to operate x-ray equipment, without the need for further  
14 testing.