



2013 SENATE BILL 496

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1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 462.04 of the statutes; **relating to:** prescriptions or orders for
2 the use of diagnostic X-ray equipment by radiography examining board
3 licensees and permit holders.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, subject to certain exceptions, no person may engage in the practice of radiography unless the person holds a license or limited permit issued by the Radiography Examining Board. Radiography is generally defined as the imaging of anatomical structures, produced by the combined application of X-rays to the human body. In addition, under current law, a person holding such a license or permit may not use diagnostic X-ray equipment on humans for diagnostic purposes unless authorized to do so by a prescription or order issued by one of several types of licensed medical professionals specified under current law.

This bill adds licensed physical therapists to this list of licensed medical professionals authorized to prescribe or order the use of diagnostic X-ray equipment.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

4 **SECTION 1.** 462.04 of the statutes is amended to read:
5 **462.04 Prescription or order required.** A person who holds a license or
6 limited X-ray machine operator permit under this chapter may not use diagnostic

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1 X-ray equipment on humans for diagnostic purposes unless authorized to do so by
2 prescription or order of a physician licensed under s. 448.04 (1) (a), a dentist licensed
3 under s. 447.04 (1), a podiatrist licensed under s. 448.63, a chiropractor licensed
4 under s. 446.02, an advanced practice nurse certified under s. 441.16 (2), ~~or~~ a
5 physician assistant licensed under s. 448.04 (1) (f), or a physical therapist licensed
6 under s. 448.53.

7 (END)