

SENATE ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 617

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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The Senate Environment and Energy Committee favorably reports Senate Bill No. 617 with committee amendments.

The bill, as amended by the committee, provides that the Department of Environmental Protection would limit any monitoring and regulatory requirements pertaining to medical diagnostic x-ray equipment at facilities or practices that perform 750 or fewer x-rays per year to equipment testing, inspection and calibration and to the required use of protective aprons, radiation shields, or other measures necessary to protect the health and safety of patients or persons operating the diagnostic x-ray equipment. Under the provisions of the bill, as amended, inspections of x-ray film processing equipment would be eliminated; however, all other existing safety standards would be maintained.

The committee amendments clarify that the department may monitor and regulate only the radiation emitting equipment and may not require the testing of chemicals or a processor used to develop x-ray film at those facilities, and make technical corrections to the bill.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2010-2011 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.