

From: Government Relations Committee – Amy Hofmann, Chairperson

Date: March 28, 2013

Re: North Dakota Legislative Day, March 9, 2013 – Bismarck

NDSRT sponsored a Legislative Day event at the Capitol on Friday March 9, 2013. Members Janell Anderson, BSRT (R) and Amy Hofmann BSRT(R) were joined by eight students from Trinity Health and St. Alexis / University of Mary Schools of Radiologic Technology. NDSRT has sponsored the biennial event, held at the Capitol during the ND Legislative Session for the last five Legislative Assembly sessions.

The goal of Legislative Day is first and foremost, to meet and greet the serving legislators and educate them of the role that Radiologic Technologists play on the healthcare team. Other goals are to take the opportunity to discuss the current state rules and regulations that apply to the education and credentialing of radiology and medical imaging technologists, x-ray radiation safety and medical imaging quality assurance. We also desire to educate legislators and public members of current and proposed federal government standards for the education and credentialing of radiologic personnel, standards that are currently addressed in Mammography Quality Standards Act (MQSA) and the proposed Consistency, Accuracy, Responsibility and Excellence in Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy bill (CARE bill).

After the students received a briefing, they were encouraged to interact with legislators and public members, introduce themselves and explain the “ who” and “what” of NDSRT, the ASRT sponsored CARE bill and also to share their thoughts on federal and state laws, state licensure, rules and regulations that apply to imaging technologists.

Comments and questions from legislators and public ranged from surprise to learn that North Dakota does not require licensure for imaging technologists to questions if we currently had a licensure bill in this session, why previous bill failed and future plans for licensure bill. We were well received and encouraged to continue educating others and promoting ideas to ensure safe, cost effective, high quality medical imaging for North Dakotans.