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To Governor Baker, Please take the following in to consideration when discussing this bill! I am a Radiologic Technologist, RT(R). I worked mainly with those elderly patients living in nursing homes, assisted living facilities, etc., as well as younger patients in rehab centers. In this environment, (Mobile Xray - we go to the facility where the patient lives and using portable equipment we take the xray right there in the patient's room), I worked side by side with literally at least 100 different nurses and maybe 15 different General Practice Physicians in approximately 20 different facilities in the Central Mass Area. This gives me a good idea of the kind of care these patients are getting. There are several factors that need more consideration before even entertaining the passage of any bill of this nature! For example; Does this include Licensed Practical Nurses, LPNs? The community as a whole would be much better off if higher quality, more advanced training was included in all nursing programs! LPNs should be eliminated all together! These nurses get practical training in the field but their general knowledge education is severely lacking! To become an RT you must complete not only the practical training, but the general education needed for an associate's degree as well! Upon completion of the RT program the student graduates with an Associate's Degree in Science! If nurses want to be the only ones besides the doctor, (many RTs administer contrast media before any exam where this medium is needed can proceed!), so does this mean RTs would no longer be able to perform this task? Many RTs as well as many RNs I have discussed this with agree that not only RTs but nurses as well should have to complete a minimum of an associates degree, (in Mass RTs already must complete an Associates Degree to complete their training), and that we move towards implementing a plan to require RTs and nurses have a minimum of a bachelors degree! There are many other issues that would have to be addressed before I would even think of backing an idea where only nurses could administer medication. This does not mean the idea has no merit but more discussion is needed before I would consider this idea as a solution to reduce medical mistakes!

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