

Sen. Seeks Standard On X-ray Dosage

Senator Ted Stevens has sponsored legislation to protect the American public from excessive X-ray exposure at the hands of the medical profession.

Senator Stevens said, "Americans receive about three times the dosage of radiation that is required for proper medical treatment. This could be reduced significantly by establishing federal radiation standards and by pro-

viding better training for X-ray operators."

The bill will require the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare to lay down standards and licensing procedures for X-ray operators. State would be encouraged to perform the licensing function.

The issue of licenses will become a federal responsibility if a state expresses its inability to undertake this task.

Already, several states, including New York, New Jersey and California have radiation control programs.