

By Representative McGriff

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to clinical laboratory
3 personnel; amending s. 483.805, F.S.; deleting
4 obsolete language relating to appointment of
5 the initial members of the Board of Clinical
6 Laboratory Personnel; amending s. 483.809,
7 F.S.; eliminating the examination given by the
8 Department of Business and Professional
9 Regulation to determine in part the
10 qualifications for licensure; requiring the
11 board to designate national certification
12 examinations to be used for such purpose;
13 amending ss. 483.811 and 483.812, F.S.,
14 relating to approval of laboratory personnel
15 training programs and licensure of public
16 health laboratory scientists, to conform;
17 amending s. 483.823, F.S.; revising
18 qualifications of clinical laboratory
19 personnel; providing requirements for clinical
20 laboratory supervisors, clinical laboratory
21 technologists, and clinical laboratory
22 technicians licensed after specified dates;
23 providing an effective date.

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25 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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27 Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 483.805, Florida
28 Statutes, is amended to read:

29 483.805 Board of Clinical Laboratory Personnel.--
30 (3) ~~Within 90 days after July 1, 1992, the Governor~~
31 ~~shall appoint two members for a term of 2 years, two members~~

1 ~~for a term of 3 years, and three members for a term of 4~~
2 ~~years.~~ As the terms of the initial members expire, the
3 Governor shall appoint successors for terms of 4 years and
4 such terms shall expire on October 31. A member whose term
5 has expired shall continue to serve on the board until such
6 time as a replacement is appointed. No member shall serve for
7 more than the remaining portion of a previous member's
8 unexpired term, plus two consecutive 4-year terms of the
9 member's own appointment thereafter.

10 Section 2. Subsection (2) of section 483.809, Florida
11 Statutes, is amended to read:

12 483.809 Licensure; examinations; registration of
13 trainees; approval of curricula.--

14 (2) EXAMINATIONS.--~~The department shall conduct~~
15 ~~examinations required by board rules to determine in part the~~
16 ~~qualification of clinical laboratory personnel for licensure.~~
17 The board by rule shall ~~may~~ designate ~~a~~ national certification
18 examinations examination that may be accepted in part to
19 determine the qualifications lieu of state examination for
20 clinical laboratory personnel or public health scientists.

21 Section 3. Subsection (4) of section 483.811, Florida
22 Statutes, is amended to read:

23 483.811 Approval of laboratory personnel training
24 programs.--

25 (4) The board shall approve training programs for
26 laboratory technicians in a hospital or clinical laboratory
27 which programs are under the supervision of a clinical
28 laboratory director. The training must be accepted in lieu of
29 educational requirements for licensure, but a trainee must
30 have a high school diploma or its equivalent. Any person who
31 completes a training program must pass, before licensure, a

1 national ~~an~~ examination designated by the board pursuant to s.
2 483.809 ~~given by the department.~~

3 Section 4. Subsection (2) of section 483.812, Florida
4 Statutes, is amended to read:

5 483.812 Public health laboratory scientists;
6 licensure.--

7 (2) Applicants at the supervisor level in the category
8 of public health who are certified by the National Registry in
9 Clinical Chemistry or the American Society for Microbiology,
10 licensed as a technologist, and have 5 years of pertinent
11 clinical laboratory experience may qualify by passing a
12 national ~~the state-administered supervision and administration~~
13 examination designated by the board pursuant to s. 483.809.

14 Section 5. Section 483.823, Florida Statutes, is
15 amended to read:

16 483.823 Qualifications of clinical laboratory
17 personnel.--

18 (1) The board shall prescribe by rule minimal
19 qualifications of education, training, and experience for
20 clinical laboratory personnel and shall issue a license to any
21 person who meets the minimum qualifications, ~~and who~~
22 demonstrates that she or he possesses the character, training,
23 and ability to qualify in those areas for which the license is
24 sought, and satisfies all other requirements of this part.

25 (2) ~~Personnel qualifications may require appropriate~~
26 ~~education, training, or experience or the passing of an~~
27 ~~examination in appropriate subjects or any combination of~~
28 ~~these, but~~ No practitioner of the healing arts licensed to
29 practice in this state is required to obtain any license under
30 this part or to pay any fee hereunder except the fee required
31 for clinical laboratory licensure.

1 (3) A clinical laboratory supervisor licensed after
2 July 1, 2002, must:

3 (a) Have a minimum of a baccalaureate degree in the
4 area of chemical, biological, or clinical laboratory science
5 or medical technology from a regionally accredited
6 institution, or an equivalent degree as determined by board
7 rule, and must have passed a national examination designated
8 by the board pursuant to s. 483.809; or

9 (b) For the specialty of cytology or histology, if
10 having practiced such specialty prior to 1985, have an
11 associate degree and meet any other qualifications as
12 determined by board rule.

13 (4) A clinical laboratory technologist licensed after
14 December 31, 2005, must:

15 (a) Have a baccalaureate degree in the area of
16 chemical, biological, or clinical laboratory science or
17 medical technology from a regionally accredited institution,
18 or an equivalent degree as determined by board rule, and must
19 have passed a national examination designated by the board
20 pursuant to s. 483.809; or

21 (b) For the specialty of cytology or histology:

22 1. Have a minimum of a baccalaureate degree, or an
23 equivalent degree as determined by board rule, which shall
24 include 16 semester hours of academic science, as defined by
25 board rule; or

26 2. If having practiced such specialty prior to 1985,
27 have an associate degree or an equivalent degree as determined
28 by board rule.

29 (5) A clinical laboratory technician licensed after
30 December 31, 2005, must:

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1 (a) Have a general associate degree that includes 8
2 hours in academic chemistry and 8 hours in academic biology,
3 or an equivalent degree as determined by board rule, or an
4 associate degree in medical laboratory technology, and must
5 have passed a national examination designated by the board
6 pursuant to s. 483.809; or
7 (b) For the specialty of histology, if having
8 practiced such specialty prior to 1985, have a high school
9 diploma or its equivalent.

10 Section 6. This act shall take effect July 1, 2002.

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13 HOUSE SUMMARY

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15 initial members of the Board of Clinical Laboratory
16 Personnel. Eliminates the examination given by the
17 Department of Business and Professional Regulation to
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20 examinations to be used for such purpose. Revises
21 qualifications of clinical laboratory personnel and
22 provides requirements for clinical laboratory
23 supervisors, clinical laboratory technologists, and
24 clinical laboratory technicians licensed after specified
25 dates. See bill for details.