

By Senator Silver

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to clinical laboratory  
3           personnel; amending ss. 483.805, 483.809,  
4           483.811, 483.812, 483.823, F.S.; eliminating  
5           obsolete requirements relating to the initial  
6           appointments of members to the Board of  
7           Clinical Laboratory Personnel; revising  
8           regulations relating to the examination,  
9           licensure, and qualifications of clinical  
10          laboratory personnel; providing an effective  
11          date.

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

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

17           483.805 Board of Clinical Laboratory Personnel.--  
18           (3) ~~Within 90 days after July 1, 1992, the Governor~~  
19 ~~shall appoint two members for a term of 2 years, two members~~  
20 ~~for a term of 3 years, and three members for a term of 4~~  
21 ~~years.~~ As terms of the initial members expire, the Governor  
22 shall appoint successors for terms of 4 years and such terms  
23 shall expire on October 31. A member whose term has expired  
24 shall continue to serve on the board until such time as a  
25 replacement is appointed. No member shall serve for more than  
26 the remaining portion of a previous member's unexpired term,  
27 plus two consecutive 4-year terms of the member's own  
28 appointment thereafter.

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

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1           483.809 Licensure; examinations; registration of  
2 trainees; approval of curricula.--

3           (2) EXAMINATIONS.--~~The department shall conduct~~  
4 ~~examinations required by board rules to determine in part the~~  
5 ~~qualification of clinical laboratory personnel for licensure.~~  
6 The board by rule shall ~~may~~ designate a national certification  
7 examinations examination that may be accepted in part to  
8 determine the qualifications lieu of state examination for  
9 clinical laboratory personnel or public health scientists.

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

12           483.811 Approval of laboratory personnel training  
13 programs.--

14           (4) The board shall approve training programs for  
15 laboratory technicians in a hospital or clinical laboratory  
16 which programs are under the supervision of a clinical  
17 laboratory director. The training must be accepted in lieu of  
18 educational requirements for licensure, but a trainee must  
19 have a high school diploma or its equivalent. Any person who  
20 completes a training program must pass, before licensure, a  
21 national an examination designated by the board under s.  
22 483.809 given by the department.

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

25           483.812 Public health laboratory scientists;  
26 licensure.--

27           (2) Applicants at the supervisor level in the category  
28 of public health who are certified by the National Registry in  
29 Clinical Chemistry or the American Society for Microbiology,  
30 licensed as a technologist, and have 5 years of pertinent  
31 clinical laboratory experience may qualify by passing a

1 ~~national the state administered supervision and administration~~  
2 examination designated by the board under s. 483.809.

3 Section 5. Section 483.823, Florida Statutes, is  
4 amended to read:

5 483.823 Qualifications of clinical laboratory  
6 personnel.--

7 (1) In addition to the requirements of this part, the  
8 board shall prescribe, by rule, minimum ~~minimal~~ qualifications  
9 of education, training, and experience for clinical laboratory  
10 personnel and shall issue a license to any person who meets  
11 the minimum qualifications and who demonstrates that she or he  
12 possesses the character, training, and ability to qualify in  
13 those areas for which the license is sought.

14 (2) ~~A Personnel qualifications may require appropriate~~  
15 ~~education, training, or experience or the passing of an~~  
16 ~~examination in appropriate subjects or any combination of~~  
17 ~~these, but no practitioner of the healing arts licensed to~~  
18 ~~practice in this state is not required to obtain any license~~  
19 ~~under this part or to pay any fee hereunder except the fee~~  
20 ~~required for clinical laboratory licensure.~~

21 (3) Any supervisor licensed after July 1, 2002:

22 (a) Must have a minimum of a baccalaureate degree in  
23 chemical, biological, clinical laboratory science or medical  
24 technology from a regionally accredited institution, or an  
25 equivalent degree as established by rule of the board, and  
26 must have passed a national examination designated by the  
27 board under s. 483.809; or

28 (b) For the specialties of cytology or histology, if  
29 the supervisor has been practicing continuously since December  
30 31, 1984, or earlier, must have an associate degree and must  
31 meet any other qualifications set by rule of the board.

1           (4) A clinical laboratory technologist licensed after  
2 December 31, 2005:

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

9           (b) For the specialties of cytology or histology:

10           1. Must have a minimum of a baccalaureate degree, or  
11 an equivalent degree as established by rule of the board,  
12 which includes 16 semester hours of study of academic science,  
13 as defined by rule of the board; or

14           2. If the technologist has been practicing  
15 continuously since December 31, 1984, or earlier, must have an  
16 associate degree or the equivalent thereof.

17           (5) A clinical laboratory technician licensed after  
18 December 31, 2005:

19           (a)1. Must have a general associate degree that  
20 includes 8 hours of instruction in academic chemistry and 8  
21 hours of instruction in academic biology, or an equivalent  
22 degree as established by rule of the board, or an associate  
23 degree in medical laboratory technology; and

24           2. Must have passed a national examination designated  
25 by the board under s. 483.809; or

26           (b) For the specialty of histology, if the technician  
27 has been practicing continuously since December 31, 1984, or  
28 earlier, must have a high-school diploma or an equivalent  
29 degree.

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

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SENATE SUMMARY

Revises regulations relating to the examination, licensure, and qualifications of clinical laboratory personnel. Eliminates obsolete requirements relating to the initial appointments of members to the Board of Clinical Laboratory Personnel.