By Senator Diaz de la Portilla

36-1538A-06 See HB

| 1 | A bill to be entitled |
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| 2 | An act relating to medical care; creating ss. |
| 3 | 458.3246 and 459.0127, F.S.; providing for |
| 4 | physicians and osteopathic physicians to |
| 5 | counsel and test certain patients for chronic |
| 6 | kidney disease; amending s. 483.181, F.S.; |
| 7 | requiring clinical laboratories to provide |
| 8 | specified calculations in reports to physicians |
| 9 | and osteopathic physicians; providing an |
| 10 | effective date. |
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| 12 | Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: |
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| 14 | Section 1. Section 458.3246, Florida Statutes, is |
| 15 | created to read: |
| 16 | 458.3246 Chronic kidney disease; counseling and |
| 17 | testingA physician licensed under this chapter who is |
| 18 | treating a patient with diabetes or hypertension or a patient |
| 19 | who has a family history of kidney disease is urged to counsel |
| 20 | the patient regarding chronic kidney disease and is urged to |
| 21 | test the patient for chronic kidney disease by referring the |
| 22 | patient for a routine clinical laboratory assessment of the |
| 23 | patient's kidney functions, unless the patient refuses such |
| 24 | testing. |
| 25 | Section 2. Section 459.0127, Florida Statutes, is |
| 26 | created to read: |
| 27 | 459.0127 Chronic kidney disease; counseling and |
| 28 | testingAn osteopathic physician licensed under this chapter |
| 29 | who is treating a patient with diabetes or hypertension or a |
| 30 | patient who has a family history of kidney disease is urged to |
| 31 | counsel the patient regarding chronic kidney disease and is |

urged to test the patient for chronic kidney disease by 2 referring the patient for a routine clinical laboratory 3 assessment of the patient's kidney functions, unless the 4 patient refuses such testing. 5 Section 3. Subsection (6) is added to section 483.181, 6 Florida Statutes, to read: 7 483.181 Acceptance, collection, identification, and 8 examination of specimens .--9 (6) A clinical laboratory licensed under this part 10 that tests a specimen to determine a patient's serum creatinine level, as ordered or prescribed by a practitioner 11 12 licensed under chapter 458 or chapter 459, shall calculate the 13 patient's glomerular filtration rate using the information provided by the physician or the patient, as applicable. The 14 laboratory shall include the patient's glomerular filtration 15 rate in its report to the physician. 16 17 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006. 18 19 20 21 22 23 2.4 25 26 27 28 29 30 31