1   A bill to be entitled

2   An act relating to clinical laboratories; amending s.

3   483.181, F.S.; requiring certain licensed clinical

4   laboratories to make their services available to

5   specified licensed practitioners; prohibiting such

6   clinical laboratories from charging different prices

7   for its services based on the type of license a

8   practitioner has; authorizing such clinical

9   laboratories to refuse to perform a service if the

10   service is not reimbursable by the applicable insurer

11   or other payor or if there is a history of nonpayment

12   for services by the requester of the service;

13   providing an effective date.

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

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17   Section 1. Subsection (5) of section 483.181, Florida

18   Statutes, is amended to read:

19   483.181 Acceptance, collection, identification, and

20   examination of specimens.—

21   (5) A clinical laboratory licensed under this part, except

22   for a clinical laboratory described in s. 483.035(1), must make

23   its services available to accept a human specimen submitted for

24   examination by a practitioner licensed under chapter 458,

25   chapter 459, chapter 460, chapter 461, chapter 462, chapter 463,

26   s. 464.012, or chapter 466, and may if the specimen and test are

27 the type performed by the clinical laboratory. A clinical

28 laboratory may only refuse a specimen based upon a history of

29 nonpayment for services by the practitioner. A clinical

30 laboratory shall not charge different prices for its services

31 tests based upon the type of license held by the practitioner

32 chapter under which a practitioner submitting a specimen for

33 testing is licensed. A clinical laboratory may refuse to perform

34 a service if the service is not reimbursable by the applicable

35 insurer or other payor or if there is a history of nonpayment

36 for services by the requester of the service.

37   Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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