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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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The Committee on Health Policy (Grimsley) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Delete everything after the enacting clause  
and insert:

Section 1. Subsection (7) of section 483.041, Florida  
Statutes, is amended to read:

483.041 Definitions.—As used in this part, the term:

(7) "Licensed practitioner" means a physician licensed  
under chapter 458, chapter 459, chapter 460, or chapter 461; a  
certified optometrist licensed under chapter 463; a dentist



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11 licensed under chapter 466; a person licensed under chapter 462;  
12 a consultant pharmacist or doctor of pharmacy licensed under  
13 chapter 465; or an advanced registered nurse practitioner  
14 licensed under part I of chapter 464; or a duly licensed  
15 practitioner from another state licensed under similar statutes  
16 who orders examinations on materials or specimens for  
17 nonresidents of the State of Florida, but who reside in the same  
18 state as the requesting licensed practitioner.

19 Section 2. Subsection (5) of section 483.181, Florida  
20 Statutes, is amended to read:

21 483.181 Acceptance, collection, identification, and  
22 examination of specimens.—

23 (5) A clinical laboratory licensed under this part must  
24 make its services available to accept a human specimen submitted  
25 for examination by a practitioner licensed under chapter 458,  
26 chapter 459, chapter 460, chapter 461, chapter 462, chapter 463,  
27 s. 464.012, ~~or~~ chapter 466, or a consultant pharmacist or doctor  
28 of pharmacy licensed under chapter 465 ~~if the specimen and test~~  
29 ~~are the type performed by the clinical laboratory. A clinical~~  
30 ~~laboratory may only refuse a specimen based upon a history of~~  
31 ~~nonpayment for services by the practitioner. A clinical~~  
32 laboratory shall not charge different prices for its services  
33 ~~tests~~ based upon the chapter under which a practitioner  
34 ~~submitting a specimen for testing~~ is licensed.

35 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

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37 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

38 And the title is amended as follows:

39 Delete everything before the enacting clause



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40 and insert:

41                   A bill to be entitled  
42           An act relating to clinical laboratories; amending s.  
43           483.041, F.S.; adding a consultant pharmacist or  
44           doctor of pharmacy licensed under chapter 465, F.S.,  
45           to the definition of licensed practitioner; amending  
46           s. 483.181, F.S.; requiring clinical laboratories to  
47           make their services available to specified licensed  
48           practitioners; prohibiting such a clinical laboratory  
49           from charging different prices for its services based  
50           upon the chapter under which a practitioner is  
51           licensed; providing an effective date.