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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~~

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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.