

By the Committee on Health Policy; and Senator Grimsley

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to clinical laboratories; amending s.
3 483.041, F.S.; adding a consultant pharmacist or
4 doctor of pharmacy licensed under chapter 465, F.S.,
5 to the definition of licensed practitioner; amending
6 s. 483.181, F.S.; requiring clinical laboratories to
7 make their services available to specified licensed
8 practitioners; prohibiting such a clinical laboratory
9 from charging different prices for its services based
10 upon the chapter under which a practitioner is
11 licensed; providing an effective date.

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

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

17 483.041 Definitions.—As used in this part, the term:

18 (7) "Licensed practitioner" means a physician licensed
19 under chapter 458, chapter 459, chapter 460, or chapter 461; a
20 certified optometrist licensed under chapter 463; a dentist
21 licensed under chapter 466; a person licensed under chapter 462;
22 a consultant pharmacist or doctor of pharmacy licensed under
23 chapter 465; or an advanced registered nurse practitioner
24 licensed under part I of chapter 464; or a duly licensed
25 practitioner from another state licensed under similar statutes
26 who orders examinations on materials or specimens for
27 nonresidents of the State of Florida, but who reside in the same
28 state as the requesting licensed practitioner.

29 Section 2. Subsection (5) of section 483.181, Florida

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30 Statutes, is amended to read:

31 483.181 Acceptance, collection, identification, and
32 examination of specimens.—

33 (5) A clinical laboratory licensed under this part must
34 make its services available to accept a human specimen submitted
35 for examination by a practitioner licensed under chapter 458,
36 chapter 459, chapter 460, chapter 461, chapter 462, chapter 463,
37 s. 464.012, ~~or~~ chapter 466, or a consultant pharmacist or doctor
38 of pharmacy licensed under chapter 465 if the specimen and test
39 are the type performed by the clinical laboratory. A clinical
40 laboratory may only refuse a specimen based upon a history of
41 nonpayment for services by the practitioner. A clinical
42 laboratory shall not charge different prices for its services
43 tests based upon the chapter under which a practitioner
44 submitting a specimen for testing is licensed.

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