

26 ~~(1) LICENSING.~~ The department shall provide biennial
27 licensure of all clinical laboratory personnel who the board
28 certifies have met the requirements of this part. The license of
29 any person who fails to pay a required fee or otherwise fails to
30 qualify within 60 days after the date of expiration of such
31 license shall be automatically canceled without notice or
32 further proceedings unless the individual has made application
33 for inactive status pursuant to s. 483.819.

34 ~~(2) EXAMINATIONS.~~ ~~The department shall conduct~~
35 ~~examinations required by board rules to determine in part the~~
36 ~~qualification of clinical laboratory personnel for licensure.~~
37 ~~The board by rule may designate a national certification~~
38 ~~examination that may be accepted in lieu of state examination~~
39 ~~for clinical laboratory personnel or public health scientists.~~

40 ~~(3) REGISTRATION OF TRAINEES.~~ ~~The department shall provide~~
41 ~~for registration of clinical laboratory trainees who are~~
42 ~~enrolled in a training program approved pursuant to s. 483.811,~~
43 ~~which registration may not be renewed except upon special~~
44 ~~authorization of the board.~~

45 ~~(4) APPROVAL OF CURRICULUM IN SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES.~~ ~~The~~
46 ~~board may approve the curriculum in schools and colleges~~
47 ~~offering education and training leading toward qualification for~~
48 ~~licensure under this part.~~

49 Section 2. Section 483.811, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

50 Section 3. Subsections (3) and (4) are added to section

51 483.823, Florida Statutes, to read:

52 483.823 Qualifications of clinical laboratory personnel.—

53 (3) Except as otherwise provided in s. 483.812, a
 54 technologist or technician applicant for licensure who satisfies
 55 the requirements in 42 C.F.R. s. 493.1489 to perform high
 56 complexity testing is deemed to have satisfied the minimum
 57 qualifications for licensure under this part to perform high
 58 complexity testing as a technologist or technician in this
 59 state.

60 (4) Except as otherwise provided in s. 483.812, a
 61 technician applicant for licensure who satisfies the
 62 requirements in 42 C.F.R. s. 493.1423 to perform moderate
 63 complexity testing is deemed to have satisfied the minimum
 64 qualifications for licensure under this part to perform moderate
 65 complexity testing as a technician in this state.

66 Section 4. Section 483.800, Florida Statutes, is amended
 67 to read:

68 483.800 Declaration of policy and statement of purpose.—

69 The purpose of this part is to protect the public health,
 70 safety, and welfare of the people of this state from the hazards
 71 of improper performance by clinical laboratory personnel.

72 Clinical laboratories provide essential services to
 73 practitioners of the healing arts by furnishing vital
 74 information that is essential to a determination of the nature,
 75 cause, and extent of the condition involved. Unreliable and

76 | inaccurate reports may cause unnecessary anxiety, suffering, and
 77 | financial burdens and may even contribute directly to death. The
 78 | protection of public and individual health requires the
 79 | licensure of clinical laboratory personnel who meet minimum
 80 | requirements for safe practice. ~~The Legislature finds that~~
 81 | ~~laboratory testing technology continues to advance rapidly. The~~
 82 | ~~Legislature also finds that a hospital training program under~~
 83 | ~~the direction of the hospital clinical laboratory director~~
 84 | ~~offers an opportunity for individuals already trained in health~~
 85 | ~~care professions to expand the scope of their careers. The~~
 86 | ~~Legislature further finds that there is an immediate need for~~
 87 | ~~properly trained personnel to ensure patient access to testing.~~
 88 | ~~Therefore, the Legislature recognizes the patient-focused~~
 89 | ~~benefits of hospital-based training for laboratory and~~
 90 | ~~nonlaboratory personnel for testing within hospitals and~~
 91 | ~~commercial laboratories and recognizes the benefits of a~~
 92 | ~~training program approved by the Board of Clinical Laboratory~~
 93 | ~~Personnel under the direction of the hospital clinical~~
 94 | ~~laboratory director.~~

95 | Section 5. Subsection (5) of section 483.803, Florida
 96 | Statutes, is amended to read:

97 | 483.803 Definitions.—As used in this part, the term:

98 | (5) "Clinical laboratory trainee" means any person having
 99 | qualifying education who is enrolled in a clinical laboratory
 100 | training program ~~approved pursuant to s. 483.811 and who is~~

101 seeking experience required to meet minimum qualifications for
 102 licensing in this state. Trainees may perform procedures under
 103 direct and responsible supervision of duly licensed clinical
 104 laboratory personnel, but they may not report test results.

105 Section 6. Subsections (1), (3), (8), and (9) of section
 106 483.807, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

107 483.807 Fees; establishment; disposition.—

108 (1) The board shall establish by rule, ~~shall establish~~
 109 fees to be paid for application, ~~examination, reexamination,~~
 110 licensing and renewal, ~~registration, laboratory training program~~
 111 ~~application,~~ reinstatement, and recordmaking and recordkeeping.
 112 The board may also establish by rule a delinquency fee. The
 113 board shall establish fees that are adequate to ensure the
 114 continued operation of the board and to fund the proportionate
 115 expenses incurred by the department in carrying out its
 116 licensure and other related responsibilities under this part.
 117 Fees must ~~shall~~ be based on departmental estimates of the
 118 revenue required to implement this part and the provisions of
 119 law with respect to the regulation of clinical laboratory
 120 personnel.

121 ~~(3) The examination fee shall be in an amount which covers~~
 122 ~~the costs of obtaining and administering the examination and~~
 123 ~~shall be refunded if the applicant is found ineligible to sit~~
 124 ~~for the examination. The combined fees for initial application~~
 125 ~~and examination may not exceed \$200 plus the actual per~~

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126 | ~~applicant cost to the department for developing, administering,~~
127 | ~~or procuring the licensure examination.~~

128 | ~~(8) The initial application fee for registration of a~~
129 | ~~trainee shall not exceed \$20.~~

130 | ~~(9) The initial application and renewal fee for approval~~
131 | ~~as a laboratory training program may not exceed \$300. The fee~~
132 | ~~for late filing of a renewal application shall be \$50.~~

133 | Section 7. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.