

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

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

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12           Section 1. Subsection (5) of section 483.181, Florida  
13   Statutes, is amended to read:

14           483.181 Acceptance, collection, identification, and  
15   examination of specimens.—

16           (5) A clinical laboratory licensed under this part must  
17   make its services available to accept a human specimen submitted  
18   ~~for examination by~~ a practitioner licensed under chapter 458,  
19   chapter 459, chapter 460, chapter 461, chapter 462, chapter 463,  
20   s. 464.012, or chapter 466, ~~if the specimen and test are the~~  
21   ~~type performed by the clinical laboratory. A clinical laboratory~~  
22   ~~may only refuse a specimen based upon a history of nonpayment~~  
23   ~~for services by the practitioner.~~ A clinical laboratory shall  
24   not charge different prices for its services ~~tests~~ based upon  
25   the chapter under which a practitioner ~~submitting a specimen for~~  
26   ~~testing~~ is licensed.

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