

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2015 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Health Policy

CS/CS/HB 655 — Clinical Laboratories

by Health and Human Services Committee; Health Quality Subcommittee; and Rep. Roberson (CS/SB 738 by Health Policy Committee and Senators Grimsley and Soto)

The bill amends ss. 483.041 and 483.181, F.S., to require a clinical laboratory to offer its services to licensed allopathic and osteopathic physicians, chiropractors, podiatrists, naturopaths, optometrists, advanced registered nurse practitioners, dentists, dental hygienists, consultant pharmacists, and doctors of pharmacy without charging different prices for services based on the license of the practitioner and adds consultant pharmacists and doctors of pharmacy to the definition of “licensed practitioner.”

The bill also strikes the limitation on the conditions under which a clinical laboratory may refuse a specimen. Under current law, the only reason for which a clinical laboratory may deny testing a specimen is based on a history of nonpayment for services by the practitioner submitting the specimen. This bill allows a clinical laboratory to decline testing for other reasons as well.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect upon becoming law.

Vote: Senate 39-0; House 113-0