

CHAPTER 2015-119

Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 655

An act relating to clinical laboratories; amending s. 483.041, F.S.; revising the definition of the term “licensed practitioner” to include consultant pharmacists or doctors of pharmacy licensed under chapter 465, F.S.; amending s. 483.181, F.S.; requiring clinical laboratories to make their services available to specified licensed practitioners; prohibiting such a clinical laboratory from charging different prices for its services based upon the chapter under which a practitioner is licensed; providing an effective date.

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

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

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

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

Section 2. Subsection (5) of section 483.181, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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

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

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

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