

CHAPTER 2026-134

House Bill No. 1347

An act relating to clinical laboratory personnel; amending s. 483.815, F.S.; requiring that an applicant who qualifies for licensure under specified provisions provide proof of such qualification and pay the required fees to be eligible for licensure; amending s. 483.823, F.S.; requiring that applicants for licensure as a technologist or technician who meet specified criteria be deemed to have satisfied minimum qualifications for licensure to perform high or moderate complexity testing as a technologist or technician, as applicable; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 483.815, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

483.815 Application for clinical laboratory personnel license.—

(1) An application for a clinical laboratory personnel license ~~must shall~~ be made under oath on forms provided by the department and ~~must shall~~ be accompanied by payment of fees as provided by this part. Applicants for licensure must also submit to background screening in accordance with s. 456.0135. A license may be issued authorizing the performance of procedures of one or more categories.

(2) An applicant who qualifies for licensure under s. 483.823(3) or (4) must provide proof of such qualification, submit to background screening in accordance with s. 456.0135, and pay the fees required under s. 483.807 to be eligible for licensure.

Section 2. Subsections (3) and (4) are added to section 483.823, Florida Statutes, to read:

483.823 Qualifications of clinical laboratory personnel.—

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

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

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

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