

Senate Bill 273

By: Senators Burke of the 11th, Jones of the 25th, Jeffares of the 17th and VanNess of the 43rd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 31-22-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 definitions relative to clinical laboratories, so as to provide that certain nondiagnostic
3 laboratories are not subject to state licensure as a clinical laboratory; to provide for related
4 matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 SECTION 1.

7 Code Section 31-22-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions
8 relative to clinical laboratories, is amended by revising paragraph (2) as follows:

9 "(2) 'Clinical laboratory' means a facility for the biological, microbiological, serological,
10 chemical, immunohematological, hematological, biophysical, cytological, pathological,
11 or other examination of materials derived from the human body for the diagnosis of,
12 recommendation of treatment of, or for the purposes of providing information for the
13 diagnosis, prevention, or treatment of any disease or impairment of, or the assessment of
14 the health of human beings; the term 'clinical laboratory' shall include specimen
15 collection stations and shall include blood banks which provide through their ownership
16 or operation a system for the collection, processing, or storage of human blood and its
17 component parts as well as tissue banks which procure, store, or process human or animal
18 tissues designed to be used for medical purposes in human beings. The term 'clinical
19 laboratory' shall not include laboratories which are nondiagnostic only and regulated
20 pursuant to the federal Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) whose
21 sole function is to perform examination of human blood or blood components intended
22 as source material for the manufacture of biological products."

23 SECTION 2.

24 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.