

HOUSE BILL 2028

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68,  
Chapter 29, Part 1, relative to laboratory samples.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-29-122, is amended by adding the following new subsection thereto:

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(1) A patient service center/collection station intended to serve the general public shall not be operated within a physician's office and shall be:

(A) Open to, and serve the general public, and shall not be restricted to serving the patients of one (1) or more of specific medical practices;

(B) Located in a free standing building or occupy a space in a public access building;

(C) Accessed directly through an exterior building entrance or from a public access foyer or hallway that clearly identifies the name of the laboratory and the days and hours of operation. Access shall not be through a physician's office;

(D) Identified to the public by clearly visible signage on the exterior of the building and listed in the building's on-site directory.

Advertisements and other public notices by the laboratory shall list the address and telephone number of the patient service center; and

(E) Self-contained with regard to all aspects of the operations including the waiting room, reception area, phlebotomy rooms, restroom

facilities and specimen and supply storage areas; provided, the patient service center may share a common waiting area that is used by all the tenants of a building or a floor of the building if two (2) or more tenants renting separate office spaces are not referring physicians or healthcare providers.

(2) A copy of the signed written lease shall be made available to the commissioner of health or the commissioner's designee upon request.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011, the public welfare requiring it.