

The House Committee on Health and Human Services offers the following substitute to SB 51:

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 for the degree of supervision of
3 technicians in clinical laboratories; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws;
4 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 striking paragraph (7) and inserting in lieu
9 thereof the following:

10 "(7) 'Technician' means any person other than the clinical laboratory director, supervisor,
11 technologist, or trainee who functions under the supervision of a clinical laboratory
12 director, supervisor, or technologist and performs only those clinical laboratory
13 procedures which require limited skill and responsibility and a minimal exercise of
14 independent judgment. The degree of supervision by the clinical laboratory director,
15 supervisor, or technologist of a technician in order for such technician to perform
16 moderate or lower complexity testing procedures shall be determined by the director,
17 supervisor, or technologist based on:

18 (A) The complexity of the procedure to be performed;

19 (B) The training and capability of the technician; and

20 (C) The demonstrated competence of the technician in the procedure being performed.

21 A technician performing high complexity testing procedures shall perform such
22 procedures only under the direct supervision of a clinical laboratory director, supervisor,
23 or technologist."

24 **SECTION 2.**

25 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.