

Senate Bill 273

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

**AS PASSED**

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24 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.