

Senate Bill 422

By: Senators Unterman of the 45th, Walker III of the 20th and Orrock of the 36th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 22 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 clinical laboratories, so as to provide for changes to provisions exempting pharmacists from  
3 provisions of said chapter when performing certain tests; to remove a cross-reference; to  
4 provide for reporting of tests and standards; to provide for related matters; to repeal  
5 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Chapter 22 of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to clinical  
9 laboratories, is amended in Code Section 31-22-9, relating to applicability of chapter, by  
10 revising subsection (b) as follows:

11 "(b) This chapter shall not apply to pharmacists licensed pursuant to Chapter 4 of Title 26  
12 practicing in accordance with the provisions thereof, who shall be considered practicing  
13 within their scope of practice, when they are performing ~~capillary blood~~ tests and  
14 interpreting the results as a means to screen for or monitor disease risk factors or drug use  
15 and facilitate patient education ~~as authorized in Code Section 26-4-4~~, so long as such  
16 ~~capillary blood~~ tests are available to and for use by the public without licensure of the user  
17 of ~~the test~~ such tests. Pharmacists performing such tests shall make reasonable efforts to  
18 report the results obtained from such tests to the patient's physician of choice."

19 **SECTION 2.**

20 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.