Senate Bill 51

By: Senators Hamrick of the 30th, Heath of the 31st and Thomas of the 54th

AS PASSED

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

To amend Code Section 31-22-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions relative to clinical laboratories, so as to provide for the degree of supervision of technicians in clinical laboratories; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 31-22-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions relative to clinical laboratories, is amended by striking paragraph (7) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"(7) 'Technician' means any person other than the clinical laboratory director, supervisor, technologist, or trainee who functions under the supervision of a clinical laboratory director, supervisor, or technologist and performs only those clinical laboratory procedures which require limited skill and responsibility and a minimal exercise of independent judgment. The degree of supervision by the clinical laboratory director, supervisor, or technologist of a technician shall be determined by the director, supervisor, or technologist based on:

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

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

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

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.