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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health - Medical Laboratories - Required Testing**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring licensed medical laboratories to calculate the estimated
4 glomerular filtration rate if the medical laboratory tests a specimen to
5 determine the serum creatinine level for a certain individual under certain
6 circumstances; requiring the medical laboratory to notify the health care
7 provider of the results of the estimated glomerular filtration rate; providing that
8 testing for the estimated glomerular filtration rate does not apply to certain
9 testing; and generally relating to required testing for medical laboratories.

10 BY adding to

- 11 Article - Health - General
- 12 Section 17-218
- 13 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 14 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
16 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

17 **Article - Health - General**

18 17-218.

19 (A) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, A MEDICAL
20 LABORATORY FOR WHICH A LICENSE HAS BEEN ISSUED SHALL CALCULATE THE
21 ESTIMATED GLOMERULAR FILTRATION RATE:

22 (1) IF AN AUTHORIZED HEALTH CARE PROVIDER ORDERS OR
23 PRESCRIBES A TEST FOR THE SERUM CREATININE LEVEL FOR AN INDIVIDUAL AT
24 LEAST 18 YEARS OLD; AND

25 (2) IF THE MEDICAL LABORATORY TESTS A SPECIMEN OF THE
26 INDIVIDUAL TO DETERMINE THE SERUM CREATININE LEVEL.

1 (B) THE MEDICAL LABORATORY SHALL NOTIFY THE INDIVIDUAL'S HEALTH
2 CARE PROVIDER OF THE RESULTS OF THE ESTIMATED GLOMERULAR FILTRATION
3 RATE WHEN THE RESULTS OF THE SERUM CREATININE LEVEL ARE PROVIDED TO
4 THE HEALTH CARE PROVIDER.

5 (C) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO ANY SERUM CREATININE LEVEL
6 TESTING FOR A CLINICAL TRIAL OR RESEARCH STUDY.

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
8 October 1, 2006.