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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.

27 (B) THE MEDICAL LABORATORY SHALL NOTIFY THE INDIVIDUAL'S HEALTH  
28 CARE PROVIDER OF THE RESULTS OF THE ESTIMATED GLOMERULAR FILTRATION

1 RATE WHEN THE RESULTS OF THE SERUM CREATININE LEVEL ARE PROVIDED TO  
2 THE HEALTH CARE PROVIDER.

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

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