

CHAPTER NO. 715

HOUSE BILL NO. 3131

By Representatives Briley, Armstrong, Lois DeBerry, Brenda Turner, Eldridge, Ferguson, Borchert, Crider, Mike Turner, Harrison, Pruitt

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2846

By Senators Person, Herron

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 6 and Title 63, Chapter 9.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-6-214(b), is amended by adding the following new item (22):

(22) No person licensed in this state to practice medicine shall agree or contract with any clinical, bioanalytical or hospital laboratory, wherever located, to pay such laboratory for anatomic pathology services or cytology services and thereafter include such costs in the bill or statement submitted to the patient or any entity or person for payment, unless the practitioner discloses on the bill or statement, or in writing by a separate disclosure statement in a minimum print size of ten (10) font, the name and address of the laboratory and the net amount or amounts paid or to be paid to the laboratory for the anatomic pathology services or cytology services. The provisions of this section shall not apply to the state or any local government.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-9-111(b), is amended by adding the following new item (22):

(22) No person licensed in this state to practice osteopathy shall agree or contract with any clinical, bioanalytical or hospital laboratory, wherever located, to pay such laboratory for anatomic pathology services or cytology services and thereafter include such costs in the bill or statement submitted to the patient or any entity or person for payment, unless the practitioner discloses on the bill or statement, or in writing by a separate disclosure statement in a minimum print size of ten (10) font, the name and address of the laboratory and the net amount or amounts paid or to be paid to the laboratory for the anatomic pathology services or cytology services. The provisions of this section shall not apply to the state or any local government.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 6, 2004

  
JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of May 2004

  
PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR