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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

(Clinical laboratories--costs to be disclosed to patients and insurance companies)

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LAWS OF 1977

CHAPTER 323

Bill No. A539

Sponsor(s) Orechio

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ASSEMBLY, No. 539

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1976 SESSION

By Assemblyman ORECHIO

AN ACT to amend "An act concerning payment for services rendered by clinical or bio-analytical laboratories, and supplementing chapter 9 of Title 45 of the Revised Statutes," approved December 18, 1973 (P. L. 1973, c. 322).

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
2 *of New Jersey:*

1 1. Section 1 of P. L. 1973, c. 322 (C. 45:1-10) is amended to  
2 read as follows:

3 1. It shall be unlawful for any person licensed in the State of  
4 New Jersey to practice medicine or surgery, dentistry, osteopathy,  
5 podiatry or chiropractic to agree with any clinical, bio-analytical  
6 or hospital laboratory, wheresoever located, to make payments to  
7 such laboratory for individual tests, combination of tests, or test  
8 series for patients unless such person discloses on the bills to  
9 patients **[or]** and third party payors the name and address of such  
10 laboratory and the net amount or amounts paid or to be paid to  
11 such laboratory for individual tests, combination of tests or test  
12 series.

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This bill provides for disclosure of laboratory costs to patients and third party payors. The law presently permits disclosure to either patients or third party payors. The amendment is required because some physicians refuse to notify third party payors since they do supply information to their patients by a coded format and have thereby successfully evaded the intent of this legislation. Such information is necessary for third party payors to properly process claims and protect the public from unnecessary premium increases.

**EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.**

ASSEMBLY BANKING AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**ASSEMBLY, No. 539**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
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DATED: MAY 9, 1977

This bill would require practitioners, when they order laboratory tests for their patients, to send to third party payers the name and address of the laboratory and the net amount or amounts paid or to be paid to such laboratory for individual tests, combination of tests or test series.

At present such information is required to be disclosed to patients. However, some physicians withhold this information from third party carriers. Third party payers contend that the lack of this information can cause difficulty in the processing of claims and can possibly result in overpayments by the third party payor.