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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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Referred to Committee on Law, Public Safety and Defense

AN ACT concerning payment for services rendered by clinical or bio-analytical laboratories, and supplementing chapter 9 of Title 45 of the Revised Statutes.

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

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

1 2. Any person violating this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

1 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This bill provides for the disclosure of the cost of laboratory services rendered for physicians and other practitioners by clinical, or bio-analytical or hospital laboratories and thereby protects patients and their families from being overcharged for such laboratory tests. The bill does not prohibit direct billing by the laboratory to the patient or his third party payor.