

HB 550 -- Licensing of Clinical Laboratory Technicians

Sponsor: Wasson

This bill changes the laws regarding clinical laboratory technicians. The bill:

- (1) Establishes the Clinical Laboratory Science Board under the Department of Economic Development within the Division of Professional Registration;
- (2) Requires all persons performing, interpreting, reporting, or consulting on laboratory tests to be licensed;
- (3) Establishes a grace period for existing practitioners who are certified or eligible for certification by any agency acceptable to the department;
- (4) Provides qualification exemptions for persons which have been providing acceptable experience at the professional level for at least three years;
- (5) Authorizes the board to promulgate rules to establish standards and criteria for licensure, professional conduct, and discipline;
- (6) Allows for the creation of categorical licenses;
- (7) Authorizes the department to issue temporary and reciprocal licenses, issue inactive licenses, collect fees, and suspend and revoke licenses; and
- (8) Allows the department to petition the court to enjoin certain persons from practicing as laboratory technicians if he or she is found to be in violation of any provision of the bill.