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Senator Tavares

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A BILL

To amend section 3702.31 and to enact sections 1
3701.94 and 3701.941 of the Revised Code to 2
prohibit providers of clinical laboratory services 3
from inducing physicians to refer patients in 4
exchange for remuneration and from placing 5
laboratory personnel in physician offices. 6

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

Section 1. That section 3702.31 be amended and sections 7
3701.94 and 3701.941 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as 8
follows: 9

Sec. 3701.94. (A) As used in this section and section 10
3701.941 of the Revised Code: 11

(1) "Clinical laboratory services" means the microbiological, 12
serological, chemical, hematological, biophysical, cytological, or 13
pathological examination of materials derived from the human body 14
for purposes of obtaining information for the diagnosis, 15
prevention, treatment, or screening of any disease or impairment 16
or for the assessment of health. "Clinical laboratory services" 17
also means the collection or preparation of specimens for testing. 18

(2) "Clinical laboratory services provider" means any person, 19
or any employee, employer, agent, representative, or other 20

fiduciary of such person, who provides clinical laboratory services. 21
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(3) "Group practice" has the same meaning as in section 4731.65 of the Revised Code. 23
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(4) "Hospital" has the same meaning as in section 3727.01 of the Revised Code. 25
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(5) "Physician" means an individual authorized under Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code to practice medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery, or podiatric medicine and surgery. 27
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(B) No clinical laboratory services provider shall, directly or indirectly, offer, give, pay, or deliver, or agree to offer, give, pay, or deliver, any remuneration, in cash or in kind, including any kickback, bribe, or rebate, to any physician or group practice to induce the physician or group practice to do either of the following: 31
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(1) Refer patients to the clinical laboratory services provider; 37
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(2) Enter into an arrangement whereby the clinical laboratory services provider and the physician or group practice agree to split fees. 39
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(C)(1) Subject to division (C)(2) of this section, no clinical laboratory services provider shall give to a physician or group practice, supply the physician or group practice with, or place in the physician's or group practice's office any individual, including an employee, agent, representative, or other fiduciary of the provider, whether paid or unpaid, for the purpose of having that individual perform clinical laboratory services for the physician or group practice. 42
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(2) Nothing in division (C)(1) of this section prohibits a 50

clinical laboratory services provider from entering into a 51
laboratory management services contract with a hospital, including 52
a contract that requires the provider to place employees or agents 53
who perform functions directly related to the provision of 54
clinical laboratory services at the hospital, as long as the 55
contract specifies that the hospital will pay fair market value 56
for the laboratory management services rendered. 57

Sec. 3701.941. If the director of health determines that a 58
clinical laboratory services provider has violated division (B) or 59
(C) of section 3701.94 of the Revised Code, the director shall 60
impose on the provider a civil penalty of not less than one 61
thousand dollars and not more than ten thousand dollars for each 62
day that the provider violates either division. 63

Sec. 3702.31. (A) The quality monitoring and inspection fund 64
is hereby created in the state treasury. The director of health 65
shall use the fund to administer and enforce this section and 66
sections 3702.11 to 3702.20, 3702.30, 3702.301, ~~and~~ 3702.32, and 67
3701.94 of the Revised Code and rules adopted pursuant to those 68
sections. The director shall deposit in the fund any moneys 69
collected pursuant to this section or section 3702.32 or 3701.941 70
of the Revised Code. All investment earnings of the fund shall be 71
credited to the fund. 72

(B) The director of health shall adopt rules pursuant to 73
Chapter 119. of the Revised Code establishing fees for both of the 74
following: 75

(1) Initial and renewal license applications submitted under 76
section 3702.30 of the Revised Code. The fees established under 77
division (B)(1) of this section shall not exceed the actual and 78
necessary costs of performing the activities described in division 79
(A) of this section. 80

(2) Inspections conducted under section 3702.15 or 3702.30 of the Revised Code. The fees established under division (B)(2) of this section shall not exceed the actual and necessary costs incurred during an inspection, including any indirect costs incurred by the department for staff, salary, or other administrative costs. The director of health shall provide to each health care facility or provider inspected pursuant to section 3702.15 or 3702.30 of the Revised Code a written statement of the fee. The statement shall itemize and total the costs incurred. Within fifteen days after receiving a statement from the director, the facility or provider shall forward the total amount of the fee to the director.

(3) The fees described in divisions (B)(1) and (2) of this section shall meet both of the following requirements:

(a) For each service described in section 3702.11 of the Revised Code, the fee shall not exceed one thousand seven hundred fifty dollars annually, except that the total fees charged to a health care provider under this section shall not exceed five thousand dollars annually.

(b) The fee shall exclude any costs reimbursable by the United States centers for medicare and medicaid services as part of the certification process for the medicare program established under Title XVIII of the "Social Security Act," 79 Stat. 286 (1935), 42 U.S.C.A. 1395, as amended, and the medicaid program established under Title XIX of the "Social Security Act," 79 Stat. 286 (1965), 42 U.S.C. 1396.

(4) The director shall not establish a fee for any service for which a licensure or inspection fee is paid by the health care provider to a state agency for the same or similar licensure or inspection.

Section 2. That existing section 3702.31 of the Revised Code

is hereby repealed.

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