

House Bill 210 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Lott of the 122nd, Cooper of the 43rd, Broadrick of the 4th, Holmes of the 129th, and Williamson of the 115th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 31-22-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 definitions relative to clinical laboratories, so as to provide that certain specimen collection
3 stations and blood banks are not considered clinical laboratories for the purpose of regulation
4 under Chapter 22; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
5 purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 31-22-1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions
9 relative to clinical laboratories, is amended by revising paragraph (2) as follows:

10 "(2) 'Clinical laboratory' means a facility for the biological, microbiological, serological,
11 chemical, immunohematological, hematological, biophysical, cytological, pathological,
12 or other examination of materials derived from the human body for the diagnosis of,
13 recommendation of treatment of, or for the purposes of providing information for the
14 diagnosis, prevention, or treatment of any disease or impairment of, or the assessment of
15 the health of human beings; the term 'clinical laboratory' shall include specimen
16 collection stations and ~~shall include~~ blood banks which provide through their ownership
17 or operation a system for the collection, processing, or storage of human blood and its
18 component parts ~~as well as~~ unless such human blood and its component parts are intended
19 as source material for the manufacture of biological products and regulated by the Center
20 for Biologics Evaluation and Research (CBER) within the federal Food and Drug
21 Administration; the term 'clinical laboratory' shall include tissue banks which procure,
22 store, or process human or animal tissues designed to be used for medical purposes in
23 human beings. The term 'clinical laboratory' shall not include laboratories which are
24 nondiagnostic only and regulated pursuant to the federal Clinical Laboratory
25 Improvement Amendments (CLIA) whose sole function is to perform examination of

26 human blood or blood components intended as source material for the manufacture of
27 biological products."

28 **SECTION 2.**

29 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.