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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 534, L.D. 1624, Bill, "An Act To Lessen the Regulatory Burden on Medical Laboratories by Removing Outdated Requirements from the Maine Medical Laboratory Act"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 2 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 2. 22 MRSA §2031-A is enacted to read:

**§2031-A. Itemized billing statements**

A medical laboratory that performs services under this Act shall send an itemized billing statement to the patient.

**Sec. 3. 22 MRSA §2032**, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 218, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

**§2032. Specimens**

The following persons may collect or process specimens: licensed health care professionals; designees of licensed health care professionals acting within their scope of practice; and qualified medical laboratory personnel who are authorized by the director of the medical laboratory.'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

**SUMMARY**

This amendment allows specimens to be collected or processed by licensed health care professionals and their designees acting within their scope of practice and qualified medical laboratory personnel who are authorized by the director of the medical laboratory. The bill eliminates the requirement for a licensed medical laboratory to send a copy of the itemized statement of laboratory services to the patient. This amendment keeps the requirement for the patient to receive an itemized statement, but enacts it as a separate section within the Maine Medical Laboratory Act.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**