

Amend HB 2252 (house committee printing) by inserting the following new SECTIONS, appropriately numbered, and renumbering SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. Chapter 552, Insurance Code, is amended by adding Section 552.0001 to read as follows:

Sec. 552.0001. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "anatomic pathology services" means:

(1) histopathology or surgical pathology, which is the gross and microscopic examination and histologic processing of organ tissue performed by a physician or under the supervision of a physician;

(2) cytopathology, which is the examination of cells from the following:

(A) fluids;

(B) aspirates;

(C) washings;

(D) brushings; or

(E) smears, including a Pap smear, performed by a physician or under the supervision of a physician;

(3) hematology, which is the microscopic evaluation of bone marrow aspirates and biopsies performed by a physician, or under the supervision of a physician, and peripheral blood smears when the attending or treating physician or technologist requests that a blood smear be reviewed by a pathologist;

(4) sub-cellular pathology and molecular pathology;
or

(5) a blood-banking service performed by a pathologist.

SECTION _____. The heading to Section 552.003, Insurance Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 552.003. CHARGING DIFFERENT PRICES; ANATOMIC PATHOLOGY BILLING; OFFENSE.

SECTION _____. Section 552.003, Insurance Code, is amended by adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

(b-1) Notwithstanding any other law, a person or entity commits an offense if the person or entity orders, but does not directly supervise or perform, anatomic pathology services for a

patient and the person or entity fails to conspicuously disclose in the bill to the patient, insurer, or other third party payor, or in an itemized statement to the patient:

(1) the name and address of the physician or laboratory that provided the anatomic pathology services; and

(2) the net amount paid or to be paid for each anatomic pathology service provided to the patient by the physician or laboratory.