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H.B. No. 2330

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to laboratory tests measuring kidney function.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 42.002, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Subdivisions (3) and (4) to read as follows:

(3) "Serum creatinine test" is a diagnostic test of a person's blood that measures the level of creatinine present in the blood.

(4) "Estimated glomerular filtration rate" is a calculation of a person's kidney function based on:

(A) the person's age, race, and gender; and

(B) the results of the person's serum creatinine test.

SECTION 2. Chapter 42, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 42.0047 to read as follows:

Sec. 42.0047. ESTIMATED GLOMERULAR FILTRATION RATE REPORTING. A laboratory that performs a serum creatinine test on a sample from a person 18 years of age or older shall also calculate and include in the reported results the person's estimated glomerular filtration rate.

SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies only to a serum creatinine test performed on or after the effective date of this Act. A serum creatinine test performed before the effective date of this Act is covered by the law in effect immediately before

1 that date, and the former law is continued in effect for that  
2 purpose.

3 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.