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CHAPTER 207

HOUSE BILL 2426

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 32, CHAPTER 32, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 32-3210; AMENDING TITLE 36, CHAPTER 4.1, ARTICLE 2, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 36-472.01; RELATING TO UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 32, chapter 32, article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes,
3 is amended by adding section 32-3210, to read:

4 32-3210. Billing for laboratory costs; unprofessional conduct;
5 definition

6 A. IT IS AN ACT OF UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT FOR A HEALTH PROFESSIONAL TO
7 REQUEST A LABORATORY THAT PROVIDES ANATOMIC PATHOLOGY SERVICES AT THE HEALTH
8 PROFESSIONAL'S ORDERS TO SUBMIT A BILL FOR ANATOMIC PATHOLOGY SERVICES,
9 WHETHER OCCURRING IN THIS STATE OR ELSEWHERE, TO ANY PERSON OR ENTITY OTHER
10 THAN THE FOLLOWING:

11 1. THE PATIENT.

12 2. THE RESPONSIBLE INSURER OR OTHER THIRD-PARTY PAYOR.

13 3. THE HEALTH CARE INSTITUTION.

14 4. A REFERRING LABORATORY, EXCLUDING THE LABORATORY OF THE HEALTH
15 PROFESSIONAL WHO ORDERED THE TEST.

16 5. A GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY OR THE AGENCY'S PUBLIC OR PRIVATE AGENT,
17 AGENCY OR ORGANIZATION THAT IS ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE RECIPIENT OF THE
18 SERVICES.

19 B. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "ANATOMIC PATHOLOGY SERVICES"
20 INCLUDES CYTOLOGY SERVICES, MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY SERVICES, HEMATOPATHOLOGY,
21 HISTOPATHOLOGY, SURGICAL PATHOLOGY, AND BLOOD BANKING SERVICES PERFORMED BY A
22 PATHOLOGIST. ANATOMIC PATHOLOGY SERVICES DOES NOT INCLUDE THE COLLECTION,
23 PACKAGING AND TRANSPORTATION OF THE SPECIMEN.

24 Sec. 2. Title 36, chapter 4.1, article 2, Arizona Revised Statutes, is
25 amended by adding section 36-472.01, to read:

26 36-472.01. Billing for laboratory costs; definition

27 A. A LABORATORY THAT PROVIDES ANATOMIC PATHOLOGY SERVICES SHALL NOT
28 SUBMIT A BILL TO ANY PERSON OR ENTITY OTHER THAN THE FOLLOWING:

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30 2. THE RESPONSIBLE INSURER OR OTHER THIRD PARTY PAYOR.

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~~APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR APRIL 25, 2006.~~

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