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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT CONCERNING SCREENING FOR KIDNEY DISEASE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Beginning ninety days
2 after the effective date of this section, any person, firm or corporation
3 operating a clinical laboratory licensed in this state shall ensure that
4 when the clinical laboratory tests a specimen to determine a patient's
5 serum creatinine level, as ordered or prescribed by a health care
6 professional authorized to make such an order or prescription, the
7 clinical laboratory shall (1) calculate the patient's estimated glomerular
8 filtration rate using the patient's age and gender, which information
9 shall be provided to the clinical laboratory by the health care
10 professional, and (2) include the patient's estimated glomerular
11 filtration rate with its report to the health care professional. For
12 purposes of this section, "clinical laboratory" has the same meaning as
13 provided in section 19a-30 of the general statutes, and "patient" does
14 not include any person under eighteen years of age.

15 (b) This section does not apply to serum creatinine level tests
16 conducted as part of a clinical trial or in furtherance of clinical
17 research.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To aid health care professionals in the early diagnosis of kidney disease by specifying when clinical laboratories shall calculate and report a patient's glomerular filtration rate.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]