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Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and
Pensions

AN ACT

To improve proficiency testing of clinical laboratories.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Proficiency Testing
3 Improvement Act of 2005”.

4 **SEC. 2. IMPROVEMENT OF PROFICIENCY TESTING OF CLIN-**
5 **ICAL LABORATORIES.**

6 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Sec-
7 retary of Health and Human Services—

8 (1) may not, during the one-year period begin-
9 ning on the date of the enactment of this Act, con-
10 duct (or cause an entity with which the Secretary
11 contracts to conduct) the proficiency testing referred
12 to in section 353(f)(4)(B)(iv) of the Public Health
13 Service Act (42 U.S.C. 263a(f)(4)(B)(iv));

14 (2) shall revise such proficiency testing (or
15 cause such testing to be revised)—

16 (A) to reflect the collaborative clinical deci-
17 sion-making of laboratory personnel involved in
18 screening or interpreting cytological prepara-
19 tions;

20 (B) to revise grading or scoring criteria to
21 reflect current practice guidelines;

22 (C) to provide for such testing to be con-
23 ducted no more often than every 2 years; and

24 (D) to make such other revisions to the
25 standards for such testing as may be necessary
26 to reflect changes in laboratory operations and

1 practices since such standards were promul-
2 gated in 1992; and

3 (3) shall make the revisions required by para-
4 graph (2) within one year after the date of the en-
5 actment of this Act and before resuming proficiency
6 testing referred to in such section.

Passed the House of Representatives December 17,
2005.

Attest:

KAREN L. HAAS,
Clerk.