

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2013**

**SESSION LAW 2013-43
SENATE BILL 240**

AN ACT DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND THE NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD TO DEVELOP RULES GOVERNING REQUESTS FOR AND RELEASE OF PATHOLOGICAL MATERIALS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION ON PATHOLOGICAL MATERIALS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. The Division of Health Service Regulation, Department of Health and Human Services (Department), shall adopt rules governing the procedures regarding the request for and release of pathological materials made to clinical laboratories within the jurisdiction of the Department. These rules shall be consistent with the North Carolina Hospital Association Best Practices Principles and the College of American Pathologists 2003 Professional Relations Manual and shall be developed in consultation with the North Carolina Medical Board to ensure consistency in procedures governing pathological materials.

SECTION 2. The North Carolina Medical Board (Board) shall adopt rules governing the procedures regarding the request for and release of pathological materials made to clinical laboratories within the jurisdiction of the Board. These rules shall be consistent with the North Carolina Hospital Association Best Practices Principles and the College of American Pathologists 2003 Professional Relations Manual and shall be developed in consultation with the Division of Health Service Regulation, Department of Health and Human Services, to ensure consistency in procedures governing pathological materials.

SECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 30th day of April, 2013.

s/ Daniel J. Forest
President of the Senate

s/ Thom Tillis
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ Pat McCrory
Governor

Approved 4:46 p.m. this 8th day of May, 2013

