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This is a draft of DNR's proposal concerning laboratory accreditation and certification. DNR proposes to replace the current certification requirements with accreditation requirements and to modify the current registration requirements and rename "registration" to be "certification". It will take some time for DNR to become authorized to grant accreditation and for laboratories that are now certified to become accredited. Therefore, this draft authorizes the accreditation process to begin now, but doesn't eliminate the current certification provisions until July 1, 2001 (the date suggested by Alfredo Sotomayor of DNR). This results in a complex draft (many provisions are amended upon enactment and then amended again on July 1, 2001), but it allows for an orderly transition to the revised program. Note, however, that, if DNR is not approved as an accrediting authority in time, the statutes will have to be amended again.

This draft should be reviewed by DNR personnel in the laboratory certification program.

Please contact me with any questions or redraft instructions.

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