



|| SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA
|| BILL SUMMARY

Senate Bill 683
Printer's No. 672

Prime Sponsor: Senator Pileggi
Committee: Judiciary

SYNOPSIS:

This bill amends Title 44 (Law and Justice) to address the collection and testing of DNA evidence by police.

SUMMARY:

This bill requires the State Police commissioner to submit a report indicating the number of DNA samples collected during an arrest, the age and race and sex of the arrestee from whom DNA was collected, the fiscal impact on the State Police of DNA collection, the number of DNA samples collected at arrest that were expunged, the time elapsed from collection until testing, and recommendations regarding the offenses for which DNA should be collected.

Under this bill, DNA must be collected from any individual who is convicted of criminal homicide or a felony sex offense, including those who are currently incarcerated. Beginning in one year, DNA must be collected from any person upon arrest for criminal homicide, and, beginning in two years, for a felony sex offense. The bill requires DNA to be collected as a condition of receiving offenders from other jurisdictions if the offender was convicted of the equivalent of criminal homicide or a felony sex offense. A person may seek expungement of a DNA sample if the conviction is reversed or if the charge is dismissed or modified during plea negotiations such that it is no longer a criminal homicide or felony sex offense.

Effective Date: This bill is effective in sixty days.

BILL HISTORY:

There is no bill history during this legislative session.

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