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S*0126 (Rat #0214, Act #0218 of 2000) General Bill, By Passailaigue and Elliott

Summary: Sex crimes, offenses; courts may allow testing of offender for certain communicable diseases; Medical, Solicitors A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 16-3-740, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO TESTING OF CERTAIN CONVICTED OFFENDERS FOR HEPATITIS B, SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES, AND HUMAN IMMUNODIFICIENCY VIRUS (HIV), SO AS TO REQUIRE A SOLICITOR TO PETITION THE COURT FOR TESTING AFTER A PERSON HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH AN OFFENSE, IF REQUESTED BY THE VICTIM: TO ESTABLISH PROBABLE CAUSE THAT THE OFFENDER COMMITTED THE OFFENSE AND THAT BODY FLUIDS WERE TRANSMITTED AS THE CRITERIA FOR ISSUING THE ORDER; TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISCLOSURE OF THE TEST RESULTS TO LIMITED PERSONS, INCLUDING THE VICTIM, THE VICTIM'S ATTORNEY, AND THE OFFENDER'S ATTORNEY: TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL TO PROVIDE COUNSELING TO THE OFFENDER IF THE RESULTS ARE POSITIVE AND TO THE VICTIM, IF REQUESTED; TO AUTHORIZE FOLLOW-UP TESTING IF REQUESTED BY THE VICTIM AND IF THE INITIAL RESULTS ARE NEGATIVE; TO REQUIRE THE OFFENDER TO REIMBURSE THE STATE FOR COSTS OF THE TESTS IF THE OFFENDER IS CONVICTED OF THE CRIME; TO AUTHORIZE THE COURT TO ORDER THE COLLECTION OF ADDITIONAL SAMPLES OF BLOOD, SALIVA, AND HAIR FOR SCIENTIFIC TESTING IF THERE IS A SHOWING OF PROBABLE CAUSE THAT THE OFFENDER COMMITTED A CRIME; TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF THESE SCIENTIFIC TESTS RESULTS IN ANY CRIMINAL PROCEEDING BUT TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF THE HEPATITIS B AND HIV TEST RESULTS CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO THIS ACT IN ANY CRIMINAL TRIAL OF THE OFFENDER; AND TO PROVIDE IMMUNITY FOR CIVIL AND CRIMINAL LIABILITY; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 16-15-255 RELATING TO TESTING OF CONVICTED OFFENDERS FOR CERTAIN SEX-RELATED OFFENSES, HEPATITIS B, SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES AND HIV.-AMENDED TITLE

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