

HB 684 -- DNA PROFILING SYSTEM

SPONSOR: Lipke

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Crime Prevention and Public Safety by a vote of 11 to 0.

This bill makes several technical changes to the laws regarding the DNA profiling system.

The bill clarifies that for those offenders required to provide a DNA sample, the sample may be taken upon entering or before being released from a reception and diagnostic center of the Department of Corrections, a county detention facility, or any private detention facility under contract with the state or a local governmental entity. The bill also clarifies that when an offender is in the custody of a private facility, the sheriff's department is responsible for the collection of a DNA sample.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2006, FY 2007, and FY 2008.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill merely clarifies a few items that were not spelled out clearly in Senate Bill 1000 enacted last year. The bill allows the samples to be taken at any point in the process and allows the State Highway Patrol to prioritize their sample collection, making sure they collect an offender's DNA sample before the offender is released. The DNA samples can easily be taken by sheriff's deputies, since the kits are provided by the patrol and involve only getting a mouth swab and dropping the kit in the mail. Postage is prepaid by the patrol, so there are no additional costs incurred by the counties.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Lipke; and State Highway Patrol.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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