

SB 20 -- CRIMINAL COURT SURCHARGES

SPONSOR: Libla (Walsh)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Crime Prevention and Public Safety by a vote of 6 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Legislative Oversight by a vote of 9 to 0.

Currently, a court surcharge in all criminal cases for deposit into the DNA Profiling Analysis Fund shall expire on August 28, 2019. This bill extends the expiration of the surcharge to August 28, 2029.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this extends the expiration of the surcharge, which is necessary because crime labs provide services to over 600 law enforcement agencies for free. If this were to expire, the services would have to come out of their regular budget.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Brown on behalf of Senator Libla; and Brian Hoey, Missouri State Highway Patrol.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.