

HOUSE BILL REPORT

HB 2528

As Reported by House Committee On:
Appropriations

Title: An act relating to syphilis laboratory tests.

Brief Description: Authorizing the department of health to establish a fee for syphilis laboratory tests.

Sponsors: Representatives Sommers, Chase, Ogden, Haigh and Edwards; by request of Department of Health.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Appropriations: 2/5/02, 2/7/02 [DP].

Brief Summary of Bill

- Authorizes the Department of Health to establish a fee for syphilis laboratory tests.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 21 members: Representatives Sommers, Chair; Doumit, 1st Vice Chair; Fromhold, 2nd Vice Chair; Sehlin, Ranking Minority Member; Alexander, Buck, Clements, Cody, Cox, Grant, Kagi, Kenney, Kessler, Linville, Mastin, McIntire, Pearson, Pflug, Ruderman, Schual-Berke and Talcott.

Minority Report: Do not pass. Signed by 1 member: Representative Lisk.

Staff: Amy Hanson (786-7118).

Background:

State law provides that a standard serological test for syphilis be performed by: 1) a laboratory approved by the Secretary of Health; or 2) by the Department of Health. The test, at the request of a physician, is provided free of charge. Screening for syphilis is mandatory as part of prenatal exams.

Summary of Bill:

The Department of Health is authorized to charge a fee for syphilis laboratory tests.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Testimony For: None.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: None.