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## Appropriations Committee

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### HB 2528

**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 Summary of Bill
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Authorizes the Department of Health to establish a fee for syphilis laboratory tests.</li></ul>

**Hearing Date:** 2/5/02

**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.