

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## SB 6584

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**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:** Senators Thibaudeau and Deccio; by request of Department of Health.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:**

Appropriations: 2/27/02, 3/2/02 [DP].

### Brief Summary of Bill

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

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## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

**Majority Report:** Do pass. Signed by 23 members: Representatives Sommers, Chair; Doumit, 1st Vice Chair; Fromhold, 2nd Vice Chair; Sehlin, Ranking Minority Member; Alexander, Boldt, Buck, Clements, Cody, Cox, Dunshee, Grant, Kagi, Kenney, Kessler, Linville, McIntire, Pearson, Pflug, Ruderman, Schual-Berke, Talcott and Tokuda.

**Minority Report:** Without recommendation. Signed by 2 members: Representatives Lisk and Mastin.

**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.

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**Summary of Bill:**

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

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**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.