



Senate

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File No. 185

Senate Bill No. 513

Senate, March 22, 2000

The Committee on Judiciary reported through SEN. WILLIAMS of the 29th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

An Act Prohibiting The Alteration Of Drug And Alcohol Tests.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 (NEW) (a) No person shall consume any substance or take any
2 action to intentionally alter the result of any legally administered
3 blood, urine or DNA (deoxyribonucleic acid) test for the presence of
4 any controlled substance or alcoholic liquor in the body of such
5 person.

6 (b) No person shall offer for sale, distribute or sell any substance or
7 device with the representation that such substance or device will aid in
8 the alteration of any legally administered blood, urine or DNA
9 (deoxyribonucleic acid) test for the presence of any controlled
10 substance or alcoholic liquor.

11 (c) Any person who violates any provision of this section shall be
12 guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

JUD Committee Vote: Yea 38 Nay 0 JF

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: Potential Cost, Potential Minimal Revenue Gain

Affected Agencies: Various Criminal Justice Agencies

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation**State Impact:**

The bill would result in a potential cost to various criminal justice agencies by making it a class A misdemeanor to consume any substance or take any action to alter the result of a blood, urine, or DNA test for drugs or alcohol or to sell or distribute any substances or devices to intentionally alter drug test results. This cost relates to individuals who would potentially be returned to prison for violations of their probation or parole and for the imposition of penalties under the bill. The extent to which this may occur is unknown. The bill could also result in additional revenue to the state from the imposition of criminal fines. This revenue is anticipated to be minimal.

Currently, there are companies that sell various solutions that can be used to alter a drug test. These solutions often consist of beverages that are drunk before taking a drug test in order to reduce or eliminate traces of drugs that could appear under a drug test. In 1999, the state collected approximately \$1.2 million in criminal fines from those

convicted for sale or possession of hallucinogens, narcotics, or other various drugs.

OLR Bill Analysis

SB 513

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE ALTERATION OF DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTS.**SUMMARY:**

This bill makes it a class A misdemeanor for anyone to (1) use any substance or take any other action to intentionally alter the results of any drug or alcohol test legally administered to him or (2) offer for sale, distribute, or sell any substance or device claiming that it will alter such tests. The applicable tests are blood, urine, and DNA tests. A class A misdemeanor is punishable by up to one year in prison, a \$2,000 fine, or both.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2000

COMMITTEE ACTION

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 38 Nay 0