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**Testimony of Deborah Del Prete Sullivan,
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Office of Chief Public Defender
Raised Bill No. 5922 -
An Act Concerning the Department of Correction
Public Hearing - March 17, 2008**

The Office of Chief Public Defender requests that the Committee reject the proposed language of subsection (g) of Section 5 of this bill which would increase the penalty for refusal to provide a DNA sample if convicted of a felony. The proposal would enhance from a Class A Misdemeanor, punishable by incarceration up to 1 year and 3 years of probation, to a D felony, which is punishable by incarceration up to 5 years and 5 years of probation.

DNA is required of all persons convicted of a felony. A suggestion is to require a person so convicted to provide a DNA sample upon conviction and prior to sentencing. Requiring DNA after conviction but prior to sentencing may provide a necessary incentive for those who are required to submit a DNA sample.