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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE RELEASE OF BIOLOGIC MATERIAL FOR GENETIC TESTING.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2009*) (a) For purposes of this
2 section: (1) "Biologic material" means blood or other tissues suitable for
3 DNA (deoxyribonucleic acid) analysis; and (2) "next of kin" means (A)
4 the spouse of the deceased; (B) an adult son or daughter of the
5 deceased; (C) either parent of the deceased; (D) an adult brother or
6 sister of the deceased; and (E) a grandparent of the deceased.

7 (b) Upon receiving the written consent of a deceased person's next
8 of kin, the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner shall release biologic
9 material to a clinical laboratory, licensed in accordance with the
10 provisions of section 19a-30 of the general statutes, for the purpose of
11 determining paternity or for the purpose of determining a diagnosis of
12 a life threatening illness in a living individual.

13 (c) In any case where a deceased person's next of kin does not
14 provide written consent to the release of biologic material for the
15 purposes described in subsection (b) of this section, an interested

16 person may petition the Superior Court for the judicial district in
17 which the death occurred for an order seeking the release of biologic
18 material of the deceased person from the Office of the Chief Medical
19 Examiner for the purpose of determining paternity or for the purpose
20 of determining a diagnosis of a life threatening illness in a living
21 individual. The court may enter an order for the release of such
22 biologic material if the court determines that the petitioner has a
23 legitimate interest in the release of the biologic material. In any case
24 where such order is entered, such biologic material shall only be
25 released to a licensed clinical laboratory. Subject to applicable state and
26 federal law, a licensed clinical laboratory may release the results of
27 such biologic testing to the petitioner. All reasonable costs of such
28 biologic testing shall be paid by the petitioner.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2009</i>	New section

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Joint Favorable C/R

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