



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6598

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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 tissue suitable for
3 DNA (deoxyribonucleic acid) analysis or testing; and (2) "next of kin"
4 means (A) a spouse; (B) an adult child; (C) a parent; (D) an adult
5 sibling; or (E) a grandparent.

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

