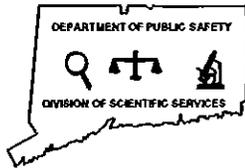




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HB 6381 AN ACT CONCERNING DNA COLLECTION FROM CERTAIN CONVICTED INDIVIDUALS

The Department of Public Safety supports this bill.

The advancement of scientific methods and technology in the field of DNA analysis has had a profound effect on the criminal justice community. However, these advancements will only be as successful in solving crimes and clearing those wrongly accused of crimes, as our efforts are to collect biological samples from those required to provide such samples.

The Department of Public Safety is currently looking for over 3,500 individuals who have failed to comply with an order of the court and report to the department to provide a biological sample under C.G.S. 54-102g.

This bill seeks to put into place statutory provisions that would provide the Department of Correction the legislative authority to use necessary force to carry out an order of the court if a convicted felon is subsequently convicted of refusing to provide a sample and still fails to provide a sample. Passage of this bill will make it clear that there is no choice involved in giving these samples for convicted felons

Sincerely,

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