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with Raised S.B. No. 898 without any doubt should include all police that have power of arrest, on the grounds they are a big part of pedestrian safety. Therefore this act should include random drug testing including for the anabolic steroid of all police that have power of arrest. Because, after all the reason employees get randomly drug tested is for the safety of fellow employees and for the public's safety. It's beyond comprehension that the employees that have Public Safety in their title [which are police] are not being randomly drug tested. After all they are in the public's eye more than most. Police are around pedestrians quite a bit. It's probable the regulations from the Department of Transportation would come into effect since they work within the same surroundings at times. Police also direct traffic or have a call for a bar fight. All these police actions include pedestrians. Police driving fast for a call is another pedestrian safety issue.

Therefore this proposed bill no.898 should include the random drug testing of all police that have power of arrest for Improving Pedestrian Safety. To be sure police are acting in the proper state of mind while on duty of having such a 'High Risk Safety Sensitive Occupation'. Also remember all police carry loaded weapons while upholding the law. Let's finally be responsible and be sure police are acting in the proper state of mind while on duty so there's no doubt they are being held to a higher authority as their occupation requires.

After all police are defenders of public safety, they are charged with one of the highest and most noble responsibilities known to humanity. They are a hero to many, and the antithesis of the crime on the streets that we dread. They are a role model to our children and a protector of our families when we cannot be there. They are the physical embodiment of law and justice to me, and to the everyday man on the street. But they are also human. They are made out of flesh and blood, and thus they also have the same weaknesses and vulnerabilities as everyone else. Yet they cannot show this weakness; just as they cannot show the fear they face when they enter a darkened building where shots have been reported. They are only human and sometimes they can be tempted.

Here is what the National Institute of Health has to say about the effects of Anabolic Steroid abuse :“Research shows that abuse of anabolic steroids may lead to aggression and other adverse effects.¹ For example, many users report feeling good about themselves while on anabolic steroids, but extreme mood swings can also occur, including manic-like symptoms that could lead to violence.² Researchers have also observed that users may suffer from paranoid jealousy, extreme irritability, delusions, and impaired judgment stemming from feelings of invincibility. In turn this is a public safety hazard. Steroid abuse can lead to serious, even irreversible health problems. Some of the most dangerous among them include liver damage, jaundice (yellowish pigmentation of skin, tissues, and body fluids), fluid retention, high blood pressure, increases in LDL (bad cholesterol), and decreases in HDL (good cholesterol). Other reported effects include renal failure, severe acne, and trembling.”

Other reasons why police should be tested: 1) Anyone driving for public service gets randomly tested. Police are Public Servants and many work double shifts. 2) They carry guns. 3) They have power of arrest. 5) Their job requires them to drive at high speed.6) Most people that drive for a living are subject to random drug testing, and they do not have the power and authority that the police have it seems to make common sense that police should also be subject to the same. There is no logical reason for police to be excluded from random drug testing. As Abraham Lincoln said, “No man is above the law.”

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