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An Act to Exempt from Fees Certain Services Performed by the Health and Environmental Testing Laboratory for Criminal Investigations

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on March 5, 2025. Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D M Grant", is positioned above the printed name of the Secretary of the Senate.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator HAGGAN of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Senators: BALDACCI of Penobscot, CYRWAY of Kennebec,
Representatives: ARDELL of Monticello, BISHOP of Bucksport, NUTTING of Oakland,
PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 22 MRSA §565, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 499, §2 and affected by §26, is amended to read:

3. Fees for services. The department shall establish by rule a schedule of charges for services rendered by the Health and Environmental Testing Laboratory based on the average costs for those services. The department shall establish services essential to the public health. These services must be provided free to residents of the State. The schedule of charges must exempt from fees testing for substance use or to determine a blood-alcohol or drug concentration level or for analysis of a substance that is suspected of being an illegal drug when such testing or analysis is conducted pursuant to a criminal investigation.

SUMMARY

This bill prohibits the Department of Health and Human Services from establishing a fee for certain testing or analysis conducted by the Health and Environmental Testing Laboratory when such testing or analysis is conducted pursuant to a criminal investigation.